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## FROM GLORY TO GLORY!

There is a verse from the letter written to the church in Corinth, 2 Corinthians 3: 18 that says,

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But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)

Let me start this small monthly devotional this wonderful September by saying as simply as I can this. "If we're not trying, we're dying". You see it's is easy these days to become discouraged. I get discouraged often. It is easy to give up, to think that there is no peace, no strength, and maybe even go through a phase of losing hope. In my many years as a follower of Jesus Christ I have faced this battle many times, and not always with the results that I am proud of. Still, I have faced them just the same. I have wrestle through many sleepless nights and have the TUMS receipts to prove it. Truth is the challenges we face, the changes, and even those things that we don't understand or like, none of it really matters if in the end all we do is give up.

I looked at this verse the other day and what came to my heart is how we view and accept those battles and challenges. For many of the Christians I know, including myself, it has been the kind of verse that gives me hope and tells that things are going to get better. Kind of like we are going from "mess to greatness", trying to find our confidence in knowing or believing that things will get better, things are going to change, you can win, stand your ground, hang in there. But honestly, is that what Paul is saying? That we are going from something that is less to something that is more? I do not think so. In fact I know so because what Paul is talking about has nothing to do with what we think is a mess but in fact says that we are going from "GLORY To GLORY". Read it again.

What Paul is talking about is a faith and trust that understands what it means to be content. Faith and trust that appreciates what one has, and is both grateful and thankful.

In other words it's about realizing that where we are is Glorious and then and only then can we go higher because the advancement if you will isn't from bad to worst or worst to better, it is from "Glory To Glory". In other words we are not to give in to thinking about what we don't have and what we don't like, our passion should be is seeing everything glorious.

There is a great worship song about this by David Crowder that says, Lord,

"You make everything glorious, You make everything glorious, You make everything glorious, and I am Yours, what does that make me"

Here's a thought: instead of praying God restore, how about we pray, Lord, show us Your glory, reveal Your glory in us.

Pastor Bob Suter



## United Methodist Women

### **UMW's Unit and Circle meetings resume in September: New members & visitors welcome!**

**Tues., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**—10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting,  
Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**—**Annual District Mission Sampler/  
Program—see below** (Eleanor Sandbach and Janet Leap will  
be presenting COPA)

**Tues. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**—Sarah Circle 1:00 p.m. at the home of  
Katherine S. or Carol...RSVP to Carol Brush at 359-9582

**Thurs., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> ( not the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. this month)**—Esther Circle 7:00 pm in the Library at  
Crossroads. RSVP to Paula at 365-2366. (Note: Ila *may* be back.)

**Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**—11:30 a.m. Sack luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Bring everything you  
want for your own lunch, except we will furnish drinks. Also bring a friend to share fellowship  
and the program.



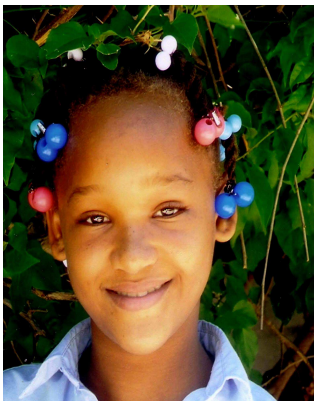
Florida Conference  
United Methodist Women

#### **Program:**

#### **Community Partners, Inc. (COPA)**

#### ***Come learn what's new at COPA this fall!***

This mission to children in the Dominican Republic serves both Dominicans and Haitians with education, health care, and spiritual growth. Our unit sponsors a child, individuals sponsor children, and some of our UMW Members are also on the Board. Eleanor Sandbach will be in charge of the presentation.



#### **Major Fall South West UMW District Events:**

**Annual Mission Sampler/Program, "Making Peace":** **Sat. Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Cape Coral First UMC:** We will organize a car pool to share fellowship as we travel to this one. Details on bulletin board, by e-mail, and in Sunday bulletin. Lunch \$8.00...check or cash to Becky Doll by Wednesday, Sept. 7, so she can pre-pay by 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PLAN AHEAD: PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING,**  
Christ UMC in Venice

**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



**LIBRARY LINES**

Two books by United Methodist minister and popular author James W. Moore have been given to our church library.

"Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Reasons" is filled with spiritual insights about God's grace. Dr. Moore deals with the sins that are most common in our churches and among Christians. His clear and loving answers lift us up and also call us to deeper faith and commitment. (Shelf location--241)

"Seizing The Moments" is another book of inspiration for Christian living. Dr. Moore shows us how we can turn our golden opportunities into realized dreams through the miracle of God's grace.

Each chapter includes a key passage of Scripture, stories from people's lives and practical suggestions for better daily living. (Shelf location-- 248.2)

Submitted by Eleanor Sandbach

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

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Frankie Adams   | 9/2  |
| Tristan Crimi   | 9/3  |
| Gretchen Serrie | 9/3  |
| Edwin Woebke    | 9/4  |
| Nancy Clark     | 9/5  |
| Charles Park    | 9/5  |
| Lucy Smith      | 9/5  |
| Edwin Clark     | 9/6  |
| Ida Smith       | 9/7  |
| Mary Breslin    | 9/10 |
| Dorothy Johnson | 9/12 |
| Landyn Park     | 9/12 |
| Richard Konen   | 9/13 |
| Jennifer Doll   | 9/21 |
| Ronald Jones    | 9/23 |
| Robert Suter    | 9/27 |
| Ted Peetros     | 9/28 |
| Connie Buell    | 9/30 |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|                                     |      |          |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Ron and Simone Jones                | 9/2  | 6 years  |
| Mike and Julie Bullerdick           | 9/3  | 34 years |
| Hal and Gretchen Serrie             | 9/3  | 52 years |
| Jim and Bunny Currie                | 9/10 | 56 years |
| Dick and Faye Smith                 | 9/13 | 58 years |
| Keir and Karen Serrie               | 9/17 | 6 years  |
| Jerome Butler and Vicki Fonza-Crowe | 9/27 | 12 years |

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**September 19th**

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri       | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| <p align="center"><b>Crossroads</b><br/>           A United Methodist Church of the 21st Century<br/>           4726 N. Tamiami Trail<br/>           Sarasota, FL 34234<br/>           PHONE: (941) 355-5485 FAX: (941) 351-3837</p> |  |  |   |  |           |   |
| <b>4</b><br>9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH<br>10:30 Worship Service—S<br>11:00 Traditions—YB   | <b>5 Labor Day</b><br><b>Office and CCC</b><br><b>Closed</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB<br>7:00 AA—YB  | <b>1</b><br>7:00 Praise Band—S                           | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>11</b><br>9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH<br>10:30 Worship Service—S<br>11:00 Traditions—YB  | <b>12</b><br>12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8                          | <b>13</b><br>10:00 UMW Exec.—FH  | <b>14</b><br>10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB<br>7:00 AA—YB | <b>15</b><br>7:00 Praise Band—S                          | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>9:00 WSLR—FH<br>UMW District Mission<br>Sampler—Cape Coral UMC                   |
| <b>18</b><br>9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH<br>10:30 Worship Service—S<br>11:00 Traditions—YB  | <b>19</b><br>12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8<br>7:00 WSLR—YB          | <b>20</b><br>1:00 Sarah Circle—Home of<br>Katherine Strickland or Carol<br>Brush | <b>21</b><br>10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB<br>7:00 AA—YB | <b>22</b><br>7:00 Esther Circle—LB<br>7:00 Praise Band—S | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>25</b><br>9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH<br>10:30 Worship Service—S<br>11:00 Traditions—YB  | <b>26</b><br>12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8                          | <b>27</b><br>11:30 UMW General—FH<br>Sack Lunch                                  | <b>28</b><br>10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB<br>7:00 AA—YB | <b>29</b><br>7:00 Praise Band—S                          | <b>30</b> | <b>Abbreviations:</b><br>S—Sanctuary<br>FH—Fellowship Hall<br>LB—Library<br>YB—Youth Building |



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- A Friendly Casual Atmosphere
- Applicable Bible Teaching
- Wonderful Fellowship
- Fulfillment

*"Where people meet along the way"*

Worship Times

**Sunday**

10:30 am

**Bible studies**

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

Sunday 9:30 am

**We're on the Web**  
**[www.ourcrossroad.com](http://www.ourcrossroad.com)**

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