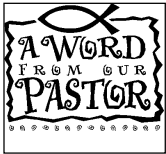


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“Bullfrogs”

When I arrived at Andy’s camp on Monday, the bus had just unloaded and everyone was huddled under the pavilion. I started walking down towards the cross and a couple of the boys shadowed me. I looked at them, and they mentioned something about seeing the pond. And so I led them to the water’s edge. “There’s a frog!” they exclaimed. I looked and there it was, one of the biggest bullfrogs I have ever seen. He sat there facing the length of the pond. He was big. He was green. He sat on a stone just some inches away from shore. He was the king of the pond.

I looked around and suddenly there were about seven boys and one of the girls who gathered around. We watched the frog. He didn’t move. “Can we catch him?” they asked. “No, lets just watch him,” I replied.

They yelled to get it to jump. He didn’t move. The kids all standing and bumping each other at the water’s edge unnerved me. But not the frog. “Will he give us warts?” She asked. “No,” I said with a tone that meant wherever she got an idea like that, it was not a good source.

He sat there big as life. He was holding his ground. But the kids got tired of looking at him, and then one of the boys got a long piece of grass. The inevitable was about to happen. He touched the back of the frog with the grass and he jumped and dove into the water and out of sight.

We all then moved toward the cross for the opening worship. Sometime our faith, our beliefs, our ideals are quite big. And we hold onto them and puff ourselves up like a bullfrog at the pond. Eventually, our inaction becomes more and more obvious. And uninteresting. Those who know of our beliefs will challenge us. They may prod us into something they can see and understand. Maybe the prodding comes from those around us. Maybe

from God. But we were made to be involved in life.

To jump right in like that bullfrog splashing into that pond.

Rev. Bradford Hunt

College

Chelsea Foley and Kyle Younis



Weekly Worship planning!

If you wish to go the next step in worshipping God, and expressing your love for God, come and help plan a worship service. Every week we gather to discuss worship, the scriptures, and create a new worship from scratch. It is a wonderful way of serving God.

Worship Planning Meeting for both the 9am and 10:30am services. All are invited to attend and join in the planning for these services at 6:30pm each Sunday evening. We will begin together and then divide to plan each worship.

Worship
the LORD in
July
2010!

Worship Services are held ---
Sunday at 9:00am and 10:30am
Sunday School for children—9:30am;
and Youth -11:45am

July 4: We will have one service this Sunday at 9:30, and it will be held outside. We will begin a new series on Old Testament Characters. We will, of course, start with Adam and Eve.

July 11: The next set of characters for this Sunday will be of Abram and Sarah. The story starts with Genesis Chapter 12. We will celebrate communion

on this Sunday.

July 18: The Story of Jacob and Esau is a fascinating story. Jacob and Esau: The early Years will be the focus of this story that starts in Genesis 25

July 25: Jacob and Esau is a complex story, and we'll focus on the later years on this Sunday.

A Special Thank You !!

To Friends at Andrews.

Warren and I would like to thank all our friends for their gifts, their attendance at our wedding and the many well wishes for our future together. IT truly was a magical wedding day and sent us off on our journey together with love and much joy! Thanks for your love and support.

Warren and Phoebe Clement

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your contribution to the Emmaus Commons Expansion Campaign at Casowasco. Phase 1 of the new facility is finished and has been a blessing to many retreat guests and campers since it was consecrated in June last year. Phase 2 to scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2010. Again we are grateful for your thoughtful support of this ministry.

Mike Huber, Executive Director
of Camps, Conferences and Retreats

Dear Faithful Supporter,

We are thankful for your recent support received here at Red Bird Mission of 449 UPC's and 228 Boxtops. The 2010 Work Camp season is in full swing and we are already hearing inspiring stories of Christian love in action.

The Red Bird Mission

Faithful Families Playgroups:

Onondaga county representatives asked if they could use a room at Andrews for at play group for parents and children (that have some development concerns). Therapists operate the program with the idea that it is part of Andrews ministry. Our initial additions to the program of a faith dimension proved impractical for children who were exhausted after an hour and a half.

The group was presented with an opportunity to form an additional playgroup that would meet on Tuesdays at which Andrews would offer a faith dimension for the children and parents. The idea was met with enthusiasm. We hope that it grows and develops well.



Many thanks to Sara Sherlock, Marge Strother, Lois Exner and Bridgette Hunt for their efforts to begin Faithful Families.

The Joys and Concerns of the Family of Andrews-

Joys shared were the adoption of Leo Joon Hopkins. He is the grandson of Lois Exner and the birth of Annabella Michelle Cerio, great granddaughter of Linda Cellana.

Sympathies we share as the Andrews family are extended to the family of Gene Finch, Debbie Kinsella and Henry Myers

Outreach in Action



The Westside Food Pantry is located at the corner of Davis and Geddes Streets in Syracuse at Brown Memorial Church. Andrews collects food on the first Sunday of each month for the food pantry.

For the month May, 2010 the pantry served: 189 families which included 309 adults, 167 children, and 24 elderly for a total of 500 people or 6,000 meals for three meals a day for four days. God is pleased when we help those who need assistance.



Cradle and Beyond Mission Statement: To provide affordable quality clothing and essentials for children and the community.

With warm weather and summer upon us the Cradle and beyond Store has a great selection of summer clothing. Check out the Pennysaver for sales and coupons.

Angela Pennacchia along with the sorting volunteers have done a great job of labeling and arranging clothing to help make shopping easier and enjoyable.

There is a need for additional volunteers especially on Saturdays. Volunteering for just a few hours would make all the difference. Please

help if you can by talking with Beth Schnipp, myself or call the church office. Students needing volunteers hours for school credits or those who just wish to serve should also call the church office. What a great way to serve God and the community while having fun.

Donations of good used clothing and gently used household items are always needed with a Special need for infant, toddler and children's clothing. Please no TV's, Computers or microwave ovens.

"How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth! How far has the Lord taken our sins from us? Farther than the distance from east to west." Psalm 103: 11,12



Southern Sudan Health Projects

The Southern Sudan Health Projects has taken a major step forward. The complexity of the project is developing and so, in this article,

I will offer the highlights.

Malek is the town we are working with. There are about 2400 people living there, and of course the health conditions are undeveloped. The town is divided into four different sections. In working with the community leaders, they asked for Health Care Promoters to be placed in each of the four parts of Malek. It was agreed to do so. There was much time taken to choose the workers, and were finally selected. One man and one woman in each of the four sections of the town have been hired. They will be trained as soon as possible by IMA, an interdenominational organization that is there on site. We will need to see to those eight salaries in the coming years. It is estimated that each will cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per year.

Medicine: Details are still being developed, but the Health Care Promoters will need basic over the counter medicine to dispense to the homes that they visit.

Latrines: This is a village that needs to have latrines. It was hoped that one latrine would get started by the team. The idea caught on so quickly that eight were created. It costs about \$200 each for material. A campaign will be developing soon to offer a program where one can honor another with the gift of a latrine. (I have suggested this as a gift

to the boss, your mother in law, that son or daughter in law, the school principal, etc.)

New Church: Bishop Wandabula has given his permission and support to acquire land for the establishment of a new United Methodist Church. This is an exciting addition to a project that is going so well.

Reorganization: Southern Sudan Health Projects will begin to look at how we might better organize to handle the success and expansion of the project. If you are interested in being part of the amazing project, come and be part of the meetings (July 17 and 24 at 10am at James St. UMC) or contact Rev. Hunt.

This is the most advanced style of mission that is known today, that of equipping and organizing the people of the community to develop their own health system. We have been told that it is the first such mission in Southern Sudan.

Rev. Bradford Hunt

Southern Sudan Health Project Benefit concert!

Maryna and friends will offer great music once again at Andrews. Come and enjoy at 6:00 on July 11. Come and be lifted up with the music of Muzhukhova-piano, Martha Grener-flute, and John Delia-clarinet & saxophone. Come in air conditioned comfort.

A presentation of the latest trip to Sudan, and the great progress that has been made will be shared following the first set. Pictures, and maybe a video will take us to Sudan and see the progress from the mission project we share with other United Methodist Churches. In addition, Ice cream will be served!

Following the SSHP presentation, the concert will continue. Come and enjoy the wonderful music, great ice cream, and support a mission that is helping to develop a community in Sudan, for the glory of God. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through the church office or at the door.

Summer clean-up and spruce up time set!!

The Trustees will have a dumpster at Andrews on July 7, 8 and 9 as they begin to clean out some of the things that are ready to find new homes. Church leaders are urged to check out their areas and see what needs to be cleaned out on or before these days. If you have any questions see David



By Kathy La Duca

Summertime! Some people love it – warm weather, sun and often a slower schedule! People talk about getting away - going on vacation, going to the beach, mountains, parks, going to the ice cream stand, going to the neighbor's pool, going on a picnic! Recreation and relaxation are a big part of what people think about when Spring turns to Summer.

Even in the church there seems to be a different rhythm in the summer. Less meetings, less programs, more fun activities. Summer is a great time to get away.

In getting away with our families we can celebrate that God seems to be more present. This is mostly true due to the fact that we are more aware and not so busy. We can enjoy the wonders of nature and God's creation. As we visit beaches and mountains, parks and pools we can take a moment with our families to thank God for the opportunities we have to be together and enjoy God's wonderful creation.

We have more time to think, talk and pray during the summer. We spend more leisure time with family and friends. There are lots of conversation starters which will help you, your family and friends to grow in your faith and have meaningful conversations which will help you to grow closer to God and each other.

Where did you see God at work today?
What part of God's creation did you enjoy the most today? And why?
What gift from God are you most thankful for today?
What did you do or can you do today to share God's love with someone else?

Sharing a passage of scripture and discussing it's meaning for your life, sharing in a time of prayer, singing some favorite hymns, attending worship wherever you are on vacation, are all quiet relaxing ways you can grow in faith together as a family and enjoy the slower quieter time that comes with summer. Taking time during the summer to get away from some of the rat race of every day life and using that time to grow closer to God and grow in our faith is a great plan no matter

what our age.

I hope for you a summer that is slower, allows you the opportunity to get away, and gives you more time to think and pray and enjoy the wonders that God has given us.

I have a church email address which is kladuca@andrewsmemorial-umc.org. If you have thoughts or suggestions around Christian Education programming email me. I am always glad to hear from you.

Sunday School in North Syracuse

Sunday School for children will continue throughout the summer. It will continue to be at 9:30 am. During July they will be learning about the Holy Land. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School at New World Ministries

New World Ministries Sunday School continues to be very well attended. Over the last 4 weeks we have typically had between 25 and 30 children. They are excited, energetic and enjoy attention! It is a great joy to have so many children come to learn about God! It is also a real challenge.

We have once again begun to take the older children to another classroom so that they can be challenged, learn more and concentrate on activities that are developmentally appropriate. For me that has been a real joy! They can talk a little about their faith and know some of the stories. As they do a work sheet they can often be heard humming or singing some of the songs we have taught them or they have sung in church. They are learning and growing!

The little ones enjoy activities, need lots of attention and keep us busy.

We continue to have the help of some of the members of Marcellus UMC. There are also one or two of the men from New World Ministries who will sometimes come down and help keep things moving smoothly. We could really use more help. Classes are Sundays from 2-3:30 pm. As the group grows so does the need for adults who are willing to be there, help with projects and love the children. If you are willing to help with this ministry, share God's love with some wonderful children and grow in your faith please contact me. You are welcome to join us as little as once a month or as often as every week. Come join us!

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We look forward to hearing from you.