

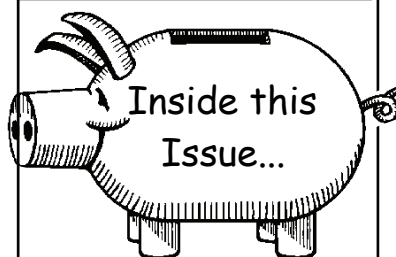
# The Shepherd's Messenger

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Missed a Sunday? Didn't pick up your newsletter? Need to know what's going on? Don't forget our wonderful website that our Web Master, Jim Travis, works so hard on to keep updated.

Get in the habit to visit often, that way you'll always be informed! And sign the guest book while you're there!



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## Pastor Sunny's Rays

In preparing for this article, Cherri (the other half of my brain) thought it might be good to let you all know what the journey to ordination entails. So that is what I will endeavor to do here in this month's newsletter within the context of the United Methodist Church. Hang on, it could get bumpy!

First, there is coming to the discernment that God is truly calling you to pulpit ministry, chaplaincy, Christian Education, evangelist, missionary, etc, etc. This is never easy and can take many years to reach the conclusion of exactly what it is that God is calling you to do. Part of this process can and should be prayer, discussion with another pastor, and in my case, a weekend retreat that is designed to help wandering Christians discern that call. The pastor whom you approach will give you the book *Christian as Minister* to read as another part of the process. You then meet with your District Superintendent. From there, you set up a meeting with your home church's Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) for their recommendation to be a candidate for ordination.

Once that recommendation is in place, you are then sent to the District Committee on Ministry (DCOM). The 9 to 12 members of that committee then interview you and assign you a mentoring pastor. You and your mentor will set up a meeting schedule, a time to take the psychological test, and work through your candidacy workbook. This part of the process can take up to two years. The psychological test is a 4-hour test that is then sent to Nashville for evaluation and upon that evaluation, you are then required (at your expense) to meet with a psychiatrist for further evaluation. Between the test and the psychiatrist visit, your out of pocket expense is roughly \$400. Also, you will report to the DCOM each year for an interview until the time of commissioning arrives.

Education is a huge part of this process as well. Each person on the ordination track must have a B.S. from an accredited college. The major for that degree is not a consideration. It can be in business, as mine is, or engineering, medicine, or whatever. Once that degree is obtained you can then enter into a seminary of your choice but it must be accredited by the American Theological Schools Association and approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. For myself, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School met that requirement.

In order to be able to work part-time as a pastor you attend a Local Pastor's Licensing School and obtain a license as a local pastor. You can then serve a church under appointment by the Bishop. A requirement here is to complete at least one level of The Disciple Bible Study series. The differences between a Local Pastor and an Ordained Elder is the ability to perform the sacraments only at the church to which you are appointed as a local pastor. A local pastor does not have the education requirements, can not wear a stole at any point unless they have completed "The Course of Study", and they have no membership within the Annual Conference. Their membership is held in their sponsoring church. An ordained elder has a Master's degree, can perform the sacraments wherever they are, stoles are a part of their clerical attire, and their membership is no longer in the local church but rather they are "in full connection" within the

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## Prayer Requests

Our World situation  
 Judie Bertani  
 Marg Bly  
 Jim Carll  
 Jan Clement  
 Dawn Ellsworth  
 (Pastor Sunny's Mentor)  
 Gary Enderle  
 Bishop Fisher  
 Gloria Fridman  
 Julio Fuentis  
 Tyler Griffin  
 Ruth Hochadel  
 Judie Jarbeck  
 Jeff Worst's Friend  
 Dale Kamery  
 (Sandy LaFever's brother)  
 Sandy LaFever  
 Paige  
 Alex Radloff  
 The Rothfus Family  
 Brian Scanlon  
 Don Schleigh (Cathy Flower's son)  
 Dick Spriggs  
 (Cathy Flower's brother-in-law)  
 Danny Travano  
 (Bee Mason's grandson)  
 Cathy Warner  
 (friend of Cherri Quattrini's)  
 Virginia Zayac  
 to those at home...  
 Leslie Arnold  
 Alice Sweet  
 Adaline Wakefield  
 to those at other residences...  
 Cuba CMH:  
 Lucille Wildrick  
 Eden Heights:  
 Dorothy 'Dee' Petit  
 Gladys McIntosh  
 Bernice Lackey  
 The Pines:  
 Ruth Ella White  
 Absolut of Houghton  
 Ernestine Green  
 John Lawton  
 Absolut of Westfield  
 Dawn Durkee

Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson  
 Daniel Bunk  
 Patrick Frank  
 Christopher Gigliardo  
 Mark Keenan  
 Karl Linderman  
 Brian Martin  
 Charles Randall  
 Greg Rogers  
 Ron Traux  
 Miles Ward  
 Eric Young

Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

## Prayer List Update

### Please keep our prayer list up to date.

Requests made in writing are preferred, to assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. If you call your request in, please spell out the name.

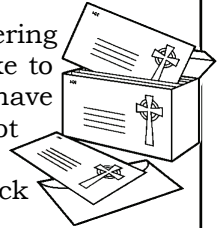
Thank you in advance for your assistance on this.

## Offering Envelopes

*Submitted by Donna Burdick, Finance Secretary*

If you do not use offering envelopes now but would like to in 2008, or if you have envelopes now but do not want them for next year, please let Donna Burdick know as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.



**summer music**

Anyone with information about possible Guest Musicians (vocal, soloist, instrumental, ensembles, ...) for our summer church services, please give Louis Petroni a call at 968-3389.

## Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
05/27	22	76	\$1,798.35
06/03	23	64	\$1,917.00
06/10	23	77	\$1,869.90
06/17	—	74	\$1,743.65

### Special Offerings/Donations:

AIM (Rothfus Family):	\$143.00
Sunday School:	\$10.00
Youth Group:	\$114.10

## **AVALANCHE RANCH !!!** **A RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

2007 Community VBS

WHERE: Our Lady of Angels Church  
 WHEN: Sun., July 29 – Thurs., August 2  
 TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

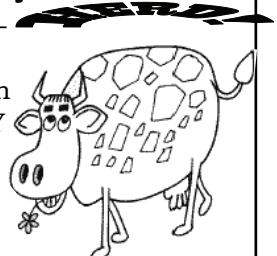
Please see the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board for this year's VBS Volunteers! This is going to be our best year yet! In order to insure the success of this Community event, we need YOUR help! We would love to have you even if you can only come one night!!

If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, please do not hesitate to call Sandy Tsujimoto at 968-4317 or email [tsujimoto@roadrunner.com](mailto:tsujimoto@roadrunner.com).

Needed:


- \* Someone to play a fiddle or banjo at opening and closing each night;
- \* two more teachers
- \* Large piece of fake green grass-like carpet
- \* Bull horns to use for decoration
- \* Old cowboy boots, in ANY condition, needed to decorate the set

**join the**



## Celebrations . . .

### July Birthdays

- 
- 2 - Michael Hupp  
Steve Noll
  - 5 - Bill Jahnke, Jr.  
Rita Say  
Paul Trask  
Jordan Zalar
  - 6 - James Luckey
  - 7 - Cindy Kennedy
  - 9 - Jerry Burdick  
John Lawton
  - 10 - Daniel Andrus
  - 11 - Linda Appleby  
Bill LaPerna
  - 12 - Kathryn Vossler
  - 14 - Tom Eastham
  - 15 - Meredith Mouser
  - 16 - Katelyn Cornell  
Debbie Rothfus  
Dannie Rothfus
  - 17 - Lucinda Pierce
  - 18 - Dick Bowers
  - 20 - Taylor Juiliano
  - 21 - Joshua Tsujimoto
  - 23 - James B. Travis
  - 24 - Mark James  
Alan LaFave  
Mike LaFever
  - 26 - Douglas Clayson, III
  - 27 - Devinne Arnold  
Trisia Young
  - 28 - Debra Enderle  
Ethel Holland  
Sue Worst
  - 29 - Ruth Lewis
  - 31 - Cameron Brickey  
Ian Miller  
Jude Nasser

### August Birthdays

- 
- 1 - Liz Abraham  
Alex Eastham  
Cheryl Harrington
  - 2 - Dorothy Campbell
  - 3 - Miranda Clayson  
Sylvia Clement  
Melissa Zeh
  - 4 - Joshua Enderle
  - 5 - Lynnette Knapp
  - 8 - Cassandra Lopes
  - 9 - Bill Amundson
  - 10 - Mark Mosher
  - 11 - Marissa Pagli
  - 12 - Cheryl Wildrick  
Sid Wildrick-Cole
  - 14 - Allison Eastham  
Lisa Hawks
  - 15 - Wendy Torpey

- 16 - Larry Bowker
- 17 - Randy Butts  
Brian Watson
- 18 - William Warren
- 19 - Adaline Wakefield
- 20 - Joyce Enderle  
Kristie Freeman
- 21 - Amy Hasard  
Lacey Nugent  
Dean Wildrick
- 24 - Darcy Eastham  
Barbara Johnston  
Donna Lawton
- 26 - Judith Deck  
Alex Petroni
- 27 - Jean Bowers  
Deborah Freeman
- 28 - Larry Hayward  
Tina Zalar
- 30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 31 - Brian Krott  
Arnold Nelson  
Laurie Simons

### July Anniversaries

- 2 - Joel & Alice Vanik
- 3 - Scott & Emily Emerson
- 5 - Nick & Liz Abraham  
James & Marilyn Luckey
- 6 - Jeremy & Dawn Enders
- 7 - Ed & Alice German
- 10 - Dale & Sally Miller
- 11 - Wayne & Connie Emerson  
Lon & Linda Sweet
- 14 - Douglas & Lynnette Clayson  
Randy & Lynnette Knapp
- 17 - George & Marilyn Ostrander
- 20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.
- 23 - Jack & Jacquelyn Preston
- 29 - Dave & Deb Battistoni

### August Anniversaries

- 1 - Jim & Heather Juiliano
- 8 - Richard & Janice Sutphin
- 14 - William & Sandra Allis
- 15 - Jeffrey & Christine Hewitt
- 17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
- 24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson  
William & JoAnn Farrell
- 25 - Joe & Natasha Dixon  
Peter & Mary Lou Sprague
- 26 - Timothy & Carol Fisk

*Please notify the church office if there is any changes and/or additions to any month. celebrations.*



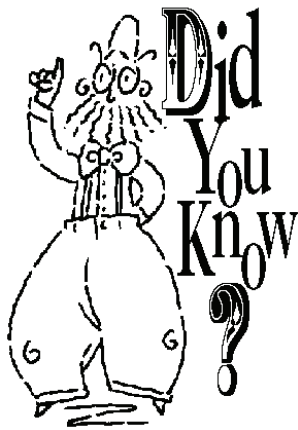
Please keep the following campers in your prayers this summer. For some of them, this is their first time! We had such a wonderful turn out of campers this year! David Enderle will surely be directing the traffic as these young people head out to discover God's love!

The 14 campers and the camps that they will be attending are:

- \* Katelyn Cornell ; Camp Findley Horse Camp, 6/24 to 6/29
- \* Nicki Kellogg; Camp Findley Tent Camp, 7/15 to 7/20
- \* Ashley Worst; Camp Asbury Jr. High Adventure, 7/15 to 7/20
- \* Brian Worst; Camp Asbury Pioneer Camp, 7/15 to 7/20
- \* Jasmyn Dorsey; Camp Asbury Splash Marathon, 7/16 to 7/21
- \* Michael Hupp; Camp Asbury Kids and Parents, 7/20 to 7/21
- \* Haylea Ward; Camp Asbury Kids and Parents, 7/20-7/21.
- \* Josh Tsujimoto; Camp Asbury Kids and Parents, 7/20-7/21.
- \* Jack Page; Camp Asbury Kids and Parents, 7/20-7/21.
- \* Lizzy Ray; Camp Asbury 6th to 8th Aquatics, 7/22 to 7/27
- \* John-Curtis Quattrini; Camp Asbury Sailing, 7/29 to 8/3
- \* Aaron Bean; Camp Asbury Sailing, 7/29 to 8/3
- \* Joshua Enderle; Camp Asbury "Fore" Golf, 7/30 to 8/4
- \* Desi Burdick; An experienced camper for many years, is going to be a Camp Counselor at Camp Asbury.

For most of our campers, it will be their first time attending Church Camp. We hope they all have a wonderful time, and will want to make time every summer to attend church camp!





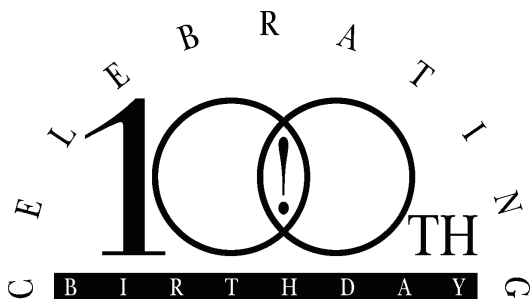
Submitted by  
Dean Wildrick

In a modern-day "loaves and fishes" story, a \$20 gift to the Nothing But Nets campaign multiplied into \$500,000 in gifts and pledges by members and churches of the Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The story began with a May 29 presentation to annual conference delegates about the United Methodist sponsored fund-raising campaign to end mosquito-borne malaria in Africa by sending insecticide-treated nets for children to sleep under. One pastor placed a \$20 bill on the altar and challenged others to join in and, by the time donations came in from individuals, churches and others, more than a half million dollars in gifts and pledges were committed.

With the hottest months approaching, so increases the need for additional bottled water to keep relief volunteers hydrated as they work in the hot, humid climate of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

If you would like to help, send monetary donations through the Mississippi Conference Disaster Center or contact coordinator Chris Bowers at [disastercenter@meridianumc.org](mailto:disastercenter@meridianumc.org) or (866) 435-7091.



John Elmer Lawton will be celebrating his 100th birthday on July 9th. His family is holding an open house on Sunday July 8th in the community room of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Rt. 19 in Houghton from 2-4 pm. No gifts please. If you can't attend and would like to send greetings, please mail to:

John Elmer Lawton, Room 412

Absolut at Houghton

9876 Luckey Drive

Houghton, NY 14744

or

Email Donna Lawton at [dylawton@yahoo.com](mailto:dylawton@yahoo.com)

John was born in Coudersport, PA. He married Margaret Milgate of Obi, NY in June of 34. They made their home in Cuba in the mid 40's. John had a dry-cleaning route up through Houghton, Hume, and Fillmore during the 30's.

## Youth Group Update

Submitted by Heather Mouser, Leader



The Youth Group would like to thank all who contributed to the returnable can drive. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. B (aka - Deb Battistoni) for transporting the cans to Crown Y. THANK YOU!! Total profits earned was \$105.10 !!!



## UMW News

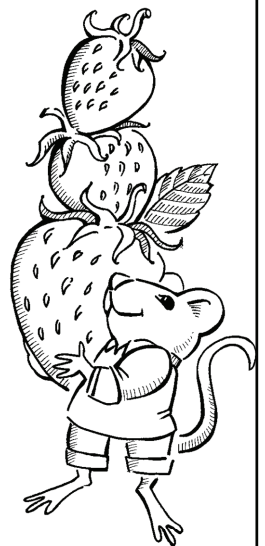
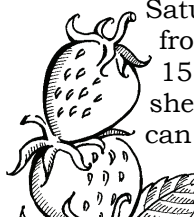
Submitted by  
Cindy Dutton,  
President

The last meeting before "summer adjournment" was a dinner at Turfside Restaurant on June 12. Eighteen women carpoled to Rushford where they enjoyed one of three menu entrees, and a delicious lemon cake-pudding for dessert. The only "program" was the reminder to fill our cups with what is really important FIRST, before all the clutter of our lives takes over. The only order of business was the creation of a Nominating Committee, Joyce Enderle and Cathy Flower who will present a slate of officers at the next UMW meeting in September. Have a great summer!!

## UMW Fun Fundraiser!

Who missed lugging gas grills downtown and cooking hot dogs and hamburgers in the broiling sun during Dairy Days Parade? Or, even worse, arriving on a cold day and having few customers! We have an even "better" fundraiser for our group this summer. Judy Zayac's sister Deb is spearheading an Alpaca Show at the Block Barn on the second weekend in July. After consulting with many of you, we have decided to sell strawberry shortcake to the expected huge crowd.

Chris Berardi is giving us a nice price break on the strawberries. We will buy angel food cake - or you can volunteer to make some if that is your desire. Primarily, we are looking for volunteers to serve the shortcake from 1-5 pm on Saturday July 14, and from 1-3 on Sunday July 15. There will be sign up sheets at church or you can call Cindy Dutton at 968-3224.



# July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 7p: Trustees meet	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<b>Sundays' Schedule:</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship			
Avalanche Ranch-Community VBS at OLA July 29 - Aug. 2; 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.						

# August 2007

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<u>Sundays' Schedule:</u> 10:00 a.m. Worship			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Newsletter Dead- line	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 7p: Trustees meet	28	29	30	31	

Avalanche Ranch-Community VBS at OLA  
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Annual Conference. Bored yet?

Upon completion of seminary the candidate can apply for commissioning. Commissioning is the process where the probation period is served. The DCOM at this point relinquishes responsibility for you and your file and your life are then in the hands of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM - how appropriate). For the interview with BOOM you must answer 14 questions in writing. Each answer should be at least one page but no more than three pages long. An autobiography is also required at each level of this process. You must have a physical examination and to say it is invasive is an understatement. The BOOM interviews are divided into groups consisting of Theology, Sacraments, Itinerancy, Authority, Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Methodism. This is an all day long process. It can begin at 9 a.m. and end at midnight. It is this committee that votes on your becoming a Probationary Elder. (Probation has no link to a person's criminal record ;-)) The Bishop then, at Annual Conference, will perform the commissioning ceremony. However, there are still things you cannot do. You are only allowed to serve the sacraments at the church to which you are appointed, you cannot wear a stole, and you have no vote and very little voice at the Annual Conference. You serve full time as a probationary member for 3 years.

As the end of that 3 years approaches, there are things that must be done. There must be an In-Parish Interview. A team made up of the members of BOOM come to the ministry site of the probationary member and meet with members to the candidates congregation. The make-up of that group of parishioners comes from the persons in suggested committee chairs and a couple of at-large people. My In-Parish has been completed and went extremely well, thank you again.

The candidate must also apply for ordination, turn in a personal and professional reference sheet, seminary transcripts, and there must be another autobiography, a full length sermon that has been preached, and must include our name, text, topic, statement of congregation to whom it was preached, importance and nature of preaching in the church, and your preparation methods, along with a bulletin from that Sunday. There must be 50 copies of this submission. There must be a Bible Study, written by the candidate with a statement of the books of the Bible used, the length of the study, objective of the study, anticipated age group, material used, method of teaching (ie lecture, discussion, etc) a complete lesson plan for one session and the others may be outlined; and an evaluation from the members of the study. There must be 50 copies of this submission, also. Then the candidate must answer the 26 disciplinary questions no less than one page long and no more than 3. There must be 50 copies of this submission as well. There must be a Criminal Background Check done that costs the candidate \$350. Again, I am required to have a physical examination. And finally, there is CPE.

Clinical Pastoral Education is what CPE stands for. It can be done in one of two settings, a hospital setting where the candidate would work physically in the hospital surrounding for a specific length of time. Some programs can take a year to complete in this manner. The other approved setting is Parish based. This is the program I have chosen. The cost is \$2200. It will take about 4 months to complete and will require me to be out of the parish for two to three days every other week from July to October, then every week for one day from October to the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. CPE is designed to see where my gifts and graces are along with my weaknesses. Other than that, I will have to wait until I complete the class before I can completely answer what CPE is really all about.

All of this paperwork must be in the hands of the registrar by November 1, so that the material can be distributed among the entire membership of BOOM. Then sometime in February I will enter into the interview process on much the same level as that of the probationary member, except it is a two-day process. At the end of that BOOM will vote on ordaining me. They could, and hopefully will, vote that I am worthy of ordination at that time, however, they could also find me unworthy of ordination all together and kick me out of the process, or they could say that I need to work on some aspect of my call, (ie: theology, Methodism, sacraments, etc.).

Also, as you may know, during this 3 year process I have been required to attend what is call a Probationary Members Covenant Group. We meet about every 8 to 9 weeks at one of the ministry sites of the various members of this group. The group came here to Cuba last August. There we discuss what our ministries are doing, the ordination process, etc. That requirement will end upon ordination.

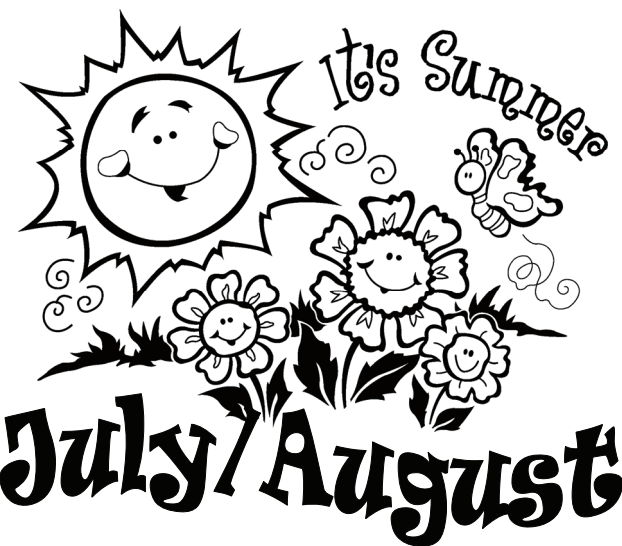
So I am working currently on getting all the submissions ready, and will be doing CPE come July. I hope this helps you understand what it takes to become an ordained Elder in Full Connection within the United Methodist Church. Do I always agree with the process and the stuff that the church requires? No. But I have had first hand experience in other traditions and I truly feel Methodism is the best show in town. I love the Methodist tradition, the theology of John Wesley and even the appointment system. After all, that's how I got to come to beautiful Cuba, New York.

I ask for your continued prayers, patience, and support during these next few months especially. I hope also that you will remember that God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny

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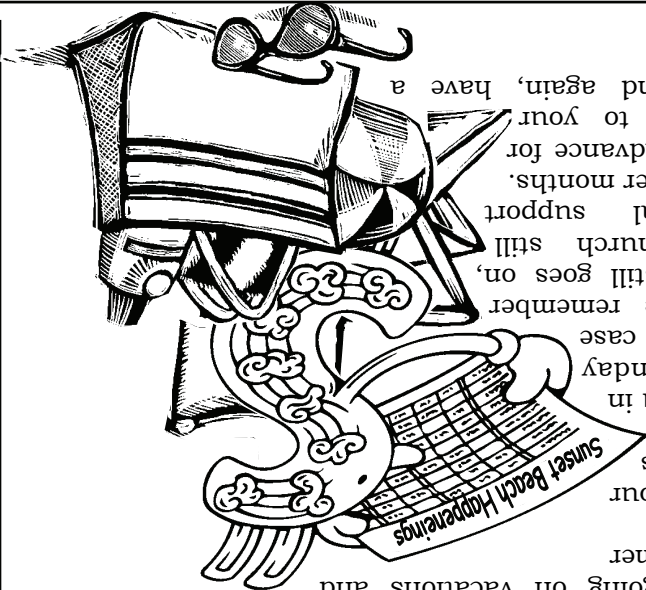
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The summer season is now upon us! After a long winter of being at home, families will now be going on picnics, attending family reunions, going on vacations and other various summer activities.

We hope your summer is a joyous and safe one. We hope to still see you in church on Sunday mornings. But, in case you're not, please remember that God's work still goes on, therefore, the church still needs your financial support during these summer months.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to your church family. And again, have a wonderful summer!

**Summer Finances**  
*Submitted by Maggie Watson, Finance Chairman*