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Pastor's Pondering

Numerous people have had conversations with me about suggested topics for small groups. I think this is a result of the transformation that occurred in the participants in The Shack study this past spring. Small groups enable people to connect with God and other people in a relaxed, informal setting.

While you are enjoying picnics, family gatherings, and Camp Meeting during this upcoming summer, I encourage you to consider what topics would interest you enough to participate in a small group this fall. The topics can be an interest, a specific Christian practice/belief, or anything in between. A few examples are: knitting, prayer, a specific book, hiking, parenting, dancing, being a caregiver, a book in the Bible, serving in the community, cooking, etc. The small groups meets regularly, include time to connect with God (prayer), fellowship, and involvement in your area of interest (topic). They can meet for as little as a few weeks or indefinitely. We have a substantial amount of existing curriculum if you would like to be in a small group, but aren't sure what you would like to study?

Please pass any and all suggestions along to me, preferably via email or in writing. This fall we will work together to establish as many small groups as are requested. Since it is impossible for me to lead or participate regularly with each small group, I will help empower and support others to lead groups.

Grace,

Pastor Tim

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William P. Young - Author of The Shack will be speaking on August 11th at 7:00pm at the Traverse City Opera House in Traverse City. For more information visit www.bethany.org/pdfs/tcpyoung.pdf Purchase tickets at www.cityoperahouse.org or by calling 231.941.8082.

GREENSKY HILL TIDINGS – JUNE/JULY 2009

PRAYER REQUESTS

Luke, Kevin, and Emily	George & Marcie	Rose Greane
Phyllis John	Angie	Russell & Karen
Margo & Kala	Calvin Hill	Glen & Linda
Rose Kassube	Chris & Libby	Delta & Tim
Lucy Funk	Lilly Richardson	Bob Alexander
David Agnew	Tim McClellan	Mildred Speigl
Tammy Speigl	Caroline Kelly	Byron Wright
Janice Smith	Jane Bailey	Jackie & June
Matthew Cross	Jackie Wassenaar	Ralph Teague
Clydell	Katie	Elizabeth
Kimber	Irene	Mary K.
Joan	Heather	Kaden
Little Nicole	Border Patrol	Jim & Inge Ledahl

The Military: Phillip Slocum, Joshua Gloria, Courtney Marulli, Nick Colby, Brittany Shute and Troy Drebenstedt. Homeless and oppressed people throughout the world

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LITURGISTS

JUNE

7- Al Colby
14-Mike Marchewitz
21-Matt Koontz
28-Ray Bice

JULY

5- Al Colby
12-Christopher Demanaeus
19-Rene Demanaeus
26-Kevin Willis

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1-Mike Mitchell
3-Craig Adams
16-Emory Sloan
16-Marsha Sutton
17-Pastor Tim
18-Derek J. Willis
18-Dora Willis
18-Matthew Cross
19-Hayden Johnson
19-Derek Willis
26-Matt Koontz

JULY

15-Wendy Sloan
18-Paula Wright
24-Marilyn Williams
27-Aaron Robinson
30-Sara Sheaffer
30-Carol Tally

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

22-Dale & Lori Willis

JULY

4-Mark and Dorothy Perry
5-George & Brenda Seamer

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING- AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 2009

Please join us at Greensky Hill Church for a fun and spiritual three- day event praising God through music, messages, and tribute

The theme for this year's Camp Meeting is "Music." We are awaiting confirmation from a group, including Ruby John, for Friday night's service, following Sam McClellan's talk at 7:00PM.

The usual hot dogs, brats, and salads will be served at noon on Saturday. Different activities will be ongoing all afternoon—something for the entire family. More music will be performed on Saturday evening, starting at 7:00PM. Food will be available all weekend and, weather permitting, bonfires and storytelling will follow the evening services.

As events develop they will be posted on our web site (www.greenskyhill.com). Please share this information with your friends and acquaintances, and let's make this a memorable event for everyone.

Bonnie and Carol

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GREENSKY HILL UMW MEETING- MAY 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Sue Bice and opened with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Attending the meeting were Sue, Pat, Carol, Judy, Clydell, and Wendy.

The main discussion was the Scoop Dinner and Silent Auction to be held Friday, May 29th. Pat explained further details and will need helpers for both events. Sounds like it will be a fun event as well as a good fund raiser.

Father's Day and the June 10th Pastor's Visit Native Dinner, were discussed. Further planning and assistance lists will be posted in Susan Hall at a later date.

Meeting adjourned.

Wendy Sloan, Secretary

Volunteer/s Needed: We need someone to speak to the various groups who would like someone from our church to speak on Greensky Hill and its history. Judy Johnson has a program prepared which she would be glad to share. Please contact her if you are interested.

Also it would be really helpful to Pastor Tim if someone could be a back up for Sue Bice to do the bulletin when she is out of town. Please contact Sue if you can help.

REFLECTIONS OF A FATHER

I can give you life, but only you can live it.
I can teach you things, but only you can learn.
I can give you directions, but I can't be there to lead you.
I can allow you freedom, but I can't account for it.
I can take you to church, but only you can believe.
I can teach you right from wrong, but the choice will always be yours.
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I can't make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but only you can accept it.
I can teach you to share, but only you can be unselfish.
I can teach you respect, but only you can show honor.
I can advise you about friends, but I can't choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex, but I can't keep you pure.
I can teach you about the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation.
I can tell you about alcohol, but only you can choose to be sober.
I can warn you about drugs, but only you can say "no".
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.
I can warn you about sins, but I can't make you moral.
I can pray for you, but only you can choose God.
I can teach you about Jesus, but only you can choose Him as Lord.
I can tell you how to live, but I can't give you eternal life.
I can love you unconditionally all my life... and I will!

Charles Avery

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

IMPORTANT TIDBITS

1. Congratulations to everyone who helped organize and worked to make the Greensky Hill golf tournament, craft sale, and scoop dinner a success (special thanks to Marilyn Williams who donated so many items for our silent auction.) Your efforts are appreciated!
2. On Saturday, August 8th, 2009 there will be a reunion of the 4- Square Church In Susan Hall.
3. Greensky Hill's Summer Camp Meeting will be held August 14, 15, and 16, 2009. (See related article in this issue of G.H. Tidings.)
4. Congratulations to Kathryn Slocum for graduating from Petoskey High School -Class of 2009. Kathryn helps teach Sunday School at Greensky Hill. She will be attending Ferris State in the fall.
5. Women's Resource Center- please help with our donations to the Resource Center; there is a tub for donations in Susan Hall.
6. Charlevoix Food Pantry- donations for the Pantry can be placed in the large basket inside the door of Susan Hall. Thank you for your donations.

"What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"
-Mark 6:2

IN HIS HANDS

The Hands that made the world and gave the sun and moon their light
are the tiny Hands of a baby born one cold December night...
The Hands that stilled the wind and tamed the fury of the sea
are the calloused Hands of a carpenter who lived in poverty...
The Hands that held the power to break the binding chains of sin
are the gentle Hands that washed the feet of tired and dusty men...
The Hands that cleansed the leper, healed the blind and raised the dead
are the praying Hands of one who cried, "Not My will, but Thine instead..."
The Hands that shaped the universe and flung stars in space
are the nail-pierced Hands of a dying man who suffered in our place...
The Hands of our Creator, Lord and King of Heaven above,
are the Savior's Hands, forever reaching out to us with love.
- B. J. Hoff

HEALTH CORNER

Does the popular medicinal herb ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) prevent dementia? Apparently not, according to results from Ginkgo Evaluation of Memory (GEM) study published in the November 19, 2008, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Participants were randomly assigned to two groups. One group took 120 milligrams (mg) of ginkgo extract twice daily, and the other group took identical-looking tablets with no active ingredients.

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Although ginkgo supplements are commonly promoted as useful for enhancing and preserving memory, the GEM findings indicated otherwise. The rates of dementia or Alzheimer's disease were the same in both groups. And, there was no evidence that taking ginkgo supplements reduced progression of dementia among those who had mild cognitive impairment at the start of the study.

Mayo clinic doctors say that the GEM study findings are quite clear-cut. Although smaller studies in the past have suggested memory benefits from ginkgo use, the GEM study along with other recent studies delivers a hard blow to the concept of ginkgo supplements preventing dementia. Instead of spending your money on supplements, it might make more sense to spend it on a good book and a good pair of athletic shoes, since being mentally active and physically fit has known benefits for the brain.

Mayo Clinic Health Letter (March/2009)

FREE CREDIT REPORTS AVAILABLE

Thanks to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act signed into law in 2004, you can request a free copy of your credit report once a year from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies- Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Access to the free reports were phased in across the country during a nine-month period, with Michigan taking effect March 1, 2005.

The three credit bureaus have established one central website, telephone number, and mailing address to use for ordering your free reports. To request your reports, go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Or you can mail your request to: Annual Credit Report Request Service; P.O. Box 105281; Atlanta, GA. 30348-5281.

The free credit reports will not include a credit score, although you may request your credit scores from the credit bureaus for a fee.

In order to receive your free reports, YOU must request them. The credit bureaus will not be advertising or sending out e-mails to promote the free credit reports, **so be on the alert for potential scams. Ignore e-mail that tells you to click here to get a free report. It's probably a ploy to try to gain access to your personal information.**

One last thing to consider: You may request all three credit bureau reports at once or you can request one at a time over a 12 month period. Scattering your requests might help you spot any suspicious transactions throughout the year. If you notice any errors on your credit report, contact the credit reporting agency as well as the lender that's making the claim.

BRAIN PAINS

Jordan invented a new, stronger, more durable brick- but no one knows how much the brick weighs except Jordan. Instead of simply telling the weight, Jordan came up with a Brick riddle. See if you can solve it:

If a brick weighs nine ounces plus half a brick, how much does a brick and a half weigh?

The Fungwald City Parking Garage has exactly 400 parking pods for vehicles. A motorcycle uses one pod and is charged \$1.50; a car uses two pods and is charged \$2.25; a truck uses three pods at a cost of \$3.00. What is the greatest amount of money that the garage can make on a given day if the exact same number of each type of vehicle parks there? ANSWERS IN AUG./SEPT. G.H. TIDINGS.

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Greensky Hill UMC Council Meeting
April 14, 2009

The council meeting opened with prayer at 7:10PM. Attending were: Richard and Carol Tunison, Bonnie and Dennis Dominic, Carol and Craig Adams, Daugherty and Judy Johnson, Pastor Wright and Susan Bice.

The March Council Meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed and accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report: The March 22 planning meeting was postponed. The meeting has been rescheduled to April 26 at 4PM.

Thank you to those who worked on the Maundy Thursday service, it was very successful with 60 people attending. There was also good attendance at the sunrise service.

Standing Committee Report:

Trustees: Has not met.

Men's Club. Had a successful Men's Variety Show Dinner. \$920 was raised. Syrup making is winding down.

Visitation Committee: Has not met.

UMW will meet on April 15. Craft show will be May 9 and a flyer and ads are going out. There will an antique and art appraiser this year.

Newsletter: 110 copies of the April-May newsletter was printed and 79 were mailed out. The deadline for the next issued (June-July) will be May 17.

Camp Meeting. Dates set as August 14-16.

Worship Committee: Worked on the Maundy Thursday service; no scheduled meeting.

Old Business

Garbage service has been changed from Waste Management to American Waste.

Venetian Festival. There are no plans to participate this year.

Calvin Hill update: Envelopes with labels are available in Susan Hall for anyone who may wish to send a contribution.

Food Bank: Motion made to set aside the morning UMCOR offering on each fifth Sunday to go to the local food bank. Motion carried.

New Business: At the last Pastor Parish meeting it was noted that Greensky Hill UMC had underpaid the Parish account by a total of \$682 last year. Motion was to refund the overage to the churches, thus reducing GSH's account to a minus \$46.68. Motion carried.

Grant: We've received a grant from the Tribe to pay rental for one day a month for a Sunday service at the Odawa Hotel. Judy Johnson would appreciate any input for conducting these services:

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Dates:

- April 17-18: Indian Workers Conference
- May 4: UMW Cheboygan luncheon at Greensky Hill.
- May 9: Craft Fair at Greensky Hill
- May 17: Annual Golf Outing at Antrim Dells
- June 17: 6PM MARSP Dinner at Greensky Hill
- August 8: Four Square Church reunion at Greensky Hill
- August 14-16: Greensky Hill Camp Meeting.
- August 19: Marsp luncheon at Greensky Hill.

The next council meeting will be May 12 at 7PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bice