

THE UNITED CHURCH OF MARCO ISLAND

"Celebrating God's Presence, Serving All People"



2012

The Carillon



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Dick's Dialogue

I have been interested in an advertisement for NCH hospital lately. There is a half or full-page ad with someone's picture and the caption: "This is my hospital." If one were not the sharpest knife in the drawer, they might think this is the one who holds the deed to the hospital and owns the business. I am sure that is not the intent. But the intent is to show ownership in a different way and indicate the pride in being a part of or involved in the whole operation or an admiring patient who was glad NCH was there for them in their time of need. We in the church tend to take ownership as well. This is my church! We are proud to be a part of this church and church family. We take ownership in the campus and others. That can be a good thing, a very good thing. We want people to feel that way and have pride in where they go and in the people that make up this church family.

There can be a down side to this feeling and sense of ownership. First, one can begin to feel responsible for the property, its image, and the view others have of our church. We sure do not want to belong to some place or some group that would be an embarrassment. Second, we will make statements as though we were the ones in charge and in the Congregational Way, that could well be done. Third, we can make decisions publicly that might cause misunderstanding about our church.

There are a number of things that work both sides of the coin when it comes to our attachment to this organization. I become especially concerned when pastors begin to take ownership of a church. This is my church! There is a tendency for pastors to feel that being employed by a church makes them the owner. However, it is quite the opposite. We are not the owner even though we might claim a position that does not exist.

I bring up this whole subject because of a book saved for me at the Bargain Basket titled: "What Ministers Wish Church Members Knew..." The first chapter is titled: "Nobody Owns The Church" right on its heels is a similar chapter: "Nobody Owns God." This is the flip side of our claim to ownership. What it says is that the church was probably here before we came, unless you are a charter member, and the church will be here long after I am gone.

I once was a mediator for a church fight in which the pastor laid claim to the church and that things had to be done his way. Quote: "This is my church and things will go the way I say!" I even heard a pastor say to his congregation in the midst of upheaval over one staff

members. "If you do not like the decision that I have made, you might be more comfortable in another church." Even pastors who take such ownership of a church can cause major problems with an attitude like that. The content of this book about what pastors would like church members to know says that the church belongs to nobody.

It is God's church. We are just entrusted with holding it until his return and maintaining the spirit of Christ in his absence.

Personally, I do not want to own the church. I do not want to define God nor do I want his job. Finally, I have no intention of being the gatekeeper of the kingdom. That is God's business and He will decide who gets in or stays out and that is none of my business other than the fact that I should care enough about others to point the way down the path toward Him.

Yes it is your church; yes, you do have ownership and ownership of church family that gathers here. But we only have this privilege for a little while. One or one hundred years from now, United church will still be going on, and I will be long gone. SO, WHOSE CHURCH IS IT ANYWAY? God's!

Bits and Pieces

Summer Projects and Events:

I came to Southwest Florida three years ago right before Easter. I was told that summers would be slow and there would be a lot of time to prepare for the fall and winter events. I have seen no such slowdown any summer. Well, maybe this year! Never the less, there are a good number of us living all year here on Marco. What activities would you find helpful and fun during the summer. What can those of us who are left over do to keep things going. I would appreciate hearing from those of you who have ideas for summer activity. What about a 4th of July cook out or a summer cruise together or a boating trip to some picnic spot? You who are going to be here, share some of your thoughts.

Summer vacations:

Staff members are celebrating a number of events with their families this summer. We have graduations, and weddings and anniversary celebrations. We try to not all be gone at the same time so the major number of staffers are present on any given week.

Bargain Basket Events:

We celebrated a gathering of the bargain basket volunteers a few weeks ago. Over 75 were in attendance to feast on pulled pork, and chicken with baked potato and all the extras catered by Kelley and Angie Adair and assisted by Eve Tschantz and the bargain basket committee. A simple way to say a big fat Thank You to all those who donate hours and hours of service to the Bargain Basket. I know it is not near enough but, we can add to this kind of recognition a phrase I used to hear growing up: "Thanks, until you're better paid!" I suppose that means that on the other side we will receive the benefit of being good Christian "Do-Bees" But again we say Thank You to all those who help with this wonderful mission.

Others need to be thanked as well:

You may come to worship and spend only an hour or two on the church campus a week. But things do not just happen and are made up on the spot. On any given Sunday morning, we need and have at least a dozen people who make the service go smoothly, not including staff. Our deacons, on a weekly basis, make sure that things are in order for worship and fellowship to happen. We have many committee members behind the scenes working many hours to assure you and visitors a friendly and orderly welcome every Sunday. To all those behind the scenes people, from our moderator and Executive committee and Trustees and board members all around, Thank You for the work you do. Thank You until you are better paid!

Haiti Update

Easter Offering exceeded its goal and we have the funds for the tiller for Haiti. We will even be able to pay for some fuel, perhaps a tank or two at today's prices. Thank You for being so generous. We are confident this will begin some healing in this poverty struck land. God bless you all for helping people help themselves. We did DIG IT!

Some of you are updating your home computers and don't know what to do with the old one. May I suggest donating it for the schools in Haiti? We will accept your old PC's, Mac's or laptops. You may drop them off anytime at the church office. Once we have them all collected, Pastor Joseph will place them in a container and ship them to Haiti.

Another thing we are thinking about: Would anyone be interested in a mission trip to Haiti in early August? It would be great to check on our progress with the agri industry and get a personal view of what is happening there. Let me know if you are interested.

May and June Sermons and Scripture

May 6:	Acts 8:26-40	Lighting up the WORD!
May 13:	1st. John 5:1-6	Voices in your Head?
May 20:	Luke 24:44-53	"It will never Work!!!
May 27:	Romans 8:22-27	"New Energy Source"
June 3:	Psalms 29	Voice Identification.
June 10:	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Missing some Gray Matter?
June 17:	1 st . Samuel 15:34-16:13	Image isn't everything!
June 24:	1 st . Samuel 17:4-11, 19-23 and 32-49	Facing our Giants or standing on them!

MODERATOR'S REPORT

It is very hard for me to believe, but the "season" in southwest Florida has come and gone. More of our church family and friends are returning to their other homes and very soon we at United Church will be at our summer congregation number. Don't worry, we'll "hold the fort" until our brothers and sisters return in the fall.

Here a couple of updates on happenings at United Church:

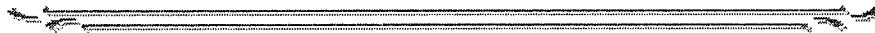
- The issue with the City of Marco over inadequate parking spaces at the Bargain Basket continues. Our attorney is working on possible solutions and is engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the city officials.
- Some old and very worn carpet in the bedrooms at the parsonage has been replaced with tile.
- A major plumbing problem at the parsonage has been repaired.

During the summer, the United Church family will continue to keep our activities going. We will continue to worship and glorify God and to serve others.

Don't forget to check out our web site – www.UCMarco.org – where you can stay informed about activities and hear past sermons.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in ALL circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 & 17

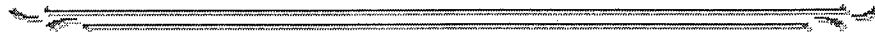
Karen Hearn, Moderator



A MESSAGE FROM BETTY PURSLEY

I wish to thank the people of United Church for your prayers, cards and good wishes during my recent bereavement. You have truly been the Body of Christ.

Betty Pursley



MISSION/OUTREACH

Thanks to your generosity, we have collected enough from the Easter Offering to purchase the Rota-Tiller for Pastor Joseph and his Haiti project. We look forward to receiving updates and pictures from them which we will share with all of you.

Our committee has continued to focus most of the giving on local (Marco Island area and Collier County) charities.

Janet Watson, Chairperson

THE FULL COLOR STAINED GLASS BOOKLET IS HERE!

Hopefully by the time you read this, you will have picked up your copy of the Stained Glass Brochure. If you have not, you can stop by the office during office hours to pick up your copy. The publication contains a brief history of the church as well as a full page on each window, including a color photograph of the window.

For those who wish additional copies, they may be purchased in the church office for \$10.00 per copy.

The time-line of the process:

Beginning in June 2009, Carolyn Ginther and Patricia Timbury began to plan the process: getting photos of each window; finding church historical material; interviewing members, who were involved with building the different sanctuaries; and contacting Willet Studio, who did the stained glass windows in the original sanctuary.

January to May 2010, we gathered materials from these sources and Carolyn took many photos in different lighting. June to December, when we were both up north, we studied about stained glass windows; meaning of color in sacred art; symbols in sacred art; and exchanged many emails.

January to May 2011, Carolyn and Pat went together to the sanctuary to ponder each window in detail – colors, symbols, and characters. Then using The Gospel Parallels, we decided which scripture event was depicted in that window. In April, we visited the White Studio in Sarasota, FL. They had moved the original windows and created the last 11 faceted glass windows, clerestory windows, and two stained glass windows for the new sanctuary. It was educational and awe-inspiring! Now the booklet – Carolyn and Pat decided on the contents and each took assignments to do. Jan Kelly, administrative assistant, did the layout as we sent her material. June to December, the process continued with use of emails. We did lots of editing, especially after Jan sent us a black and white copy of the booklet in November.

January 2012, many people helped edit. February 1, it was sent to the printer for 500 copies in color on glossy paper.

Far reaching effects – Carolyn and Pat presented a program about the windows to the Women's Fellowship. Each member and friend of the church received a copy of the booklet. The pastor decided to point out five windows each Sunday and use one or several for the sermon topic. Holy Week, he will be using the windows specific for each event.

People are pausing to look and reflect. People are in awe of the fine craftsmanship.

Carolyn Ginther
Pat Timbury

MUSIC NOTES

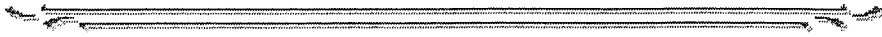
First of all thank you, and again thank you! Thank you for the numerous cards, calls and well wishes I have received as a result of my spine surgery on March 26. That surgery really did “knock me off my feet!” The pain was excruciating and the recovery process has been slower than I had anticipated, but the surgeon assures me I am doing well and will dance again. This period of confinement has given me the opportunity to reflect and start realizing how fragile life and health is and how dependent I must be and trust in God's love and healing—and not just for me and not only for physical healing.

Next let me talk about the organ in worship. We are very fortunate to have an organ that is among the best church organ in the country—yes, that's right—in the whole of this country. As a youngster I was thrilled at the sound of organs, and my father thought I was somehow a bit strange for wanting to **study** the organ. I began taking organ lessons in the preparatory department at the University of Louisville when I was still in junior high school, became the organist at my home church at age fifteen then won a full music scholarship to study organ and church music in college. Following that I earned a Master's degree in organ performance, vocal pedagogy and music theory. Upon finishing my graduate work I went to the Netherlands and did a degree at the International Organ Academy for Organists in Haarlem, then spent the academic year of 1967-1968 studying organ in Paris, France on a scholarship with Andre Marchal, jury member of the famed Conservatoire de Musique and organist at the church of St. Eustache. Then I did an Archbishop's diploma at the Royal School of Church Music in Croydon, England. Part of my study in undergraduate school was the use of the organ in worship in addition to historical performance practices of various schools of organ literature. Graduate school was a more in depth study of organ design and historical performance practices, and the study in Paris was mainly focused on the literature of the Classical French Organ, romantic French literature and the organ music of J. S. Bach. You might be amused to know that when I finished my Master's degree in organ performance and I told my father I was going to France for a year to study organ further his reply was “Boy, don't you know how to play an organ yet!?” So, now you know I can play more than hymns. The organ here at the United Church of Marco Island was installed about seventeen years ago and has had very little maintenance, and, in fact, needs little maintenance. It is an instrument designed mainly to play a church service, especially to support congregational singing and accompany choral anthems. In addition, it has “roots” in the organs of the protestant movement in northern Europe. It is in the process of its “100,000 mile tune up” which was approved by the Board of Trustees. Workers from Goyer organs in Canada spent a week here recently tuning and regulating and are preparing a written report of what work yet needs to be carried out. This organ was hand made in Canada, not an assembly line product and will serve the church for many, many, yes many years if properly maintained. Some of the organs in Europe built on the principles of the organ here are still playing that were built in the seventeenth century. I have played recitals on some of them—the Cathedral in Poitiers, the Basilica in Souvigny and parishes in villages such as Aubignon in France. One recommendation I would make is to always, always take care of this fine instrument and make sure it is maintained properly. One other recommendation I would make is to replace the “bird song” stop with a set of bells set in a star called a Cymbelstern in Germany and Jeu

de Cloches in France. The bird song organ stop was not part of protestant worship as was the star filled with bells. The people here would love it--Guaranteed!

If you wish to help me provide special music during the summer, give me a call.

God bless,
Bill Elliott, Organist and Music Director



NEWS FROM SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Well it's that time of year again when we say goodbye to a lot of our friends on the island. Due to the weather being so nice up north some of our friends have left. So I would like to say goodbye to my church friends that are leaving and please have a safe trip and a wonderful summer.

Dave and I usually don't leave until the end of June but because of my mother's illness we are going to leave early this year.

We had our farewell luncheon in April and it was very well attended. For those of you that missed it the menu consisted of; chicken, ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. The food was catered by Tony's Barbeque and dessert was made by our own Kelley Adair. I would like to thank everyone that helped with set up and clean up. Oh and thank you Pastor Adair for doing the dishes with me.

We had a short meeting afterward and we are trying to decide what to do with the "Social Events Committee". Since the committee only consists of me and 1 or 2 other people this is not enough staff to put these luncheons on. Even if they are pot luck it still takes time to set everything up and clean it up. So unless we get more volunteers for our committee we may have to temporarily discontinue the committee. Let's hope we don't have to do it! So I am putting a call out to our church that if you want these events to continue then you need to become part of the "Social Events Committee".

Right now we have nothing scheduled. So the summer is all up to the parishioners that don't leave this beautiful island.

God Bless,
Eve Tschantz, Chairman

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE..

CARILLON: The deadline for the July/August Carillon will be Friday, June 22nd.

A note about our deadline: Please respect the date of the Carillon deadline. It is important that our information is received on time, so that we have time to edit and proof read your article. Thank you!

May Staff Vacation:

- ❑ Sue Woods will be on Vacation from May 9th through May 16th.
- ❑ Pastor Dick will be on vacation from May 7th through May 12th.
- ❑ Jan Kelly will be on vacation from Monday, May 21st through Friday, May 25th. In her absence, Jan Etheredge will be in the office each morning from 9am-1pm. As always, after 1pm, Pastor Dick can be reached on his cell phone (398-6692)

THE OFFICE AND BARGAIN BASKET WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY!

CIRCLE OF LOVE (Kindly call the church office with your current concerns)

Members: Louis Smith, Pat Schimek, Bernice Gustavson, Rob Schimek, Dianne Cole, Barbara Hill, Charlene Machesney, George Shirley, Pat Stoye, Angelo Gallo, Linda James, Roger Burns, Angie Reed, Evelyn Case, Bill Elliott, Lois Kenyon, Bob Meyn

Friends: Kevin Sawyer, Sam Streep, Steve Tobey Jr., Dick & Darlene Chase, Sam Galloway, Norma Koenig, Rita Harms, John & Linda Maggio, Kendall (Linda & George James granddaughter), Gerry Sime, Kelly & Aaron Martinette (Barbara Day's grandchildren), Bob Collins-Wright, Alison Speck, Chrissy Nourtsis (Margo Bach's Granddaughter), Marie Zoller, Clara Commodore, Jack (Gail and Bob Johnston's Grandson), Jeffrey Kunkel, Susanne McCoe, Tom Gilson (Bonnie Gibbs Uncle), Cindy Ferrer, Summer Campbell, Cody Hearn, Ben Jeffers, Jack Wilson, , Paul & Jan Bertram, Bob Duling (Jean Duling's son), David Rivard, Linda Bustard, Annie Fisher (Eve Tschantz's Mom), Deryck Kent, Shari Richard, Joyce Nichols



MAY & JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up for a memorial or a celebration on any of the open dates, see the sign up sheet in the Narthex, or you can e-mail the church office with your information.

May 6 th	Fred & Barbara Ganter Louis & Pat Smith	In Celebration of their 60 th Wedding Anniversary In Celebration of their 25 th Wedding Anniversary
May 13 th	Dave & Deanna Yates	In memory of Guy & Maude Yates
May 20 th	OPEN	
May 27 th	Bob & Sue Marks	In Celebration of their 60 th Wedding Anniversary
June 3 rd	OPEN	June 10 th OPEN
June 17 th	OPEN	June 24 th OPEN

OUR MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Look who's having a
Birthday!

May 1	Jo Doll	June 14	Cheryl Axelson
May 3	Brice Craven	June 15	Linda Gillespie
May 5	Dave Tschantz	June 16	Dolores Laug
May 6	Dave Yates	June 16	Jean Duling
May 9	Blair Case	June 18	Norm Thomson
May 9	Marge Koch	June 18	Al Saunders
May 9	Margo Bach	June 20	Barbara Ganter
May 15	Elsie Frantz	June 20	Dorothea Jeggle
May 15	Janet Watson	June 20	Ginny Milillo
May 17	Deborah Chapman	June 21	Robert Cort
May 18	Shirley Brown	June 22	Jack Turner
May 18	Pat Austin	June 23	Morris DePouw
May 20	Greta Hammond	June 23	Gordon Timmerman
May 23	Eleanor Burnham	June 24	Linda James
May 24	Dave Owen	June 24	Barbara Sanderson
May 27	Dorothy Kittrell	June 25	Mary Ann Kline
May 30	David Abercrombie	June 26	M P Rines
May 31	Betty Honeycomb	June 26	Rita Clark
June 1	June Marsh O'Connell	June 29	Ginny Cochran
June 1	Molly Clark	June 30	Barbara Hill
June 1	John Newcomer		
June 2	Don Hall		
June 2	Ethel Rounsevell		
June 7	Ron Scherer		
June 11	Donald Clark		
June 11	Paul O'Neill		
June 11	Barbara Vichotka		
June 12	June Zinn		
June 13	Fred Ganter		
June 13	Grace Owen		

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>20 Worship - 10am 11:00am Fellowship - D</p>	<p>21 JAN VACATION DAY - office hours 9am-1pm 11:00am Al-Anon - C</p>	<p>22 JAN VACATION DAY - office hours 9am-1pm 1:30pm Parkinsons - N 5:30pm Weight Watchers - D</p>	<p>23 JAN VACATION DAY - office hours 9am-1pm 9:00am Weight Watchers - D2</p>	<p>24 JAN VACATION DAY - office hours 9am-1pm 12:00pm Al-Anon - C 1:30pm Parkinsons - N 3:30pm Stephen Minister class - C</p>	<p>25 JAN VACATION DAY - office hours 9am-1pm</p>	<p>26 5:00pm AA Party</p>
<p>27 Worship - 10am 11:00am Fellowship - D</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE & BARGAIN BASKET CLOSED 11:00am Al-Anon - C</p>	<p>29 1:30pm Parkinsons - N 5:30pm Weight Watchers - D</p>	<p>30 9:00am Weight Watchers - D2</p>	<p>31 Marketplace mission Learning Center - Graduation 12:00pm Al-Anon - C 1:30pm Parkinsons - N</p>		

June 2012

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