

# Mt. Hope United Church of Christ

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Lloyd Gilliam

## *choir director / organist*

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Brenda Currie



# Mt. Hope Messenger

March, 2014



Lake Junaluska is a beautiful place in the mountains of western North Carolina. It's a busy tourist area and it's also the Conference Center for the Southeast Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, which means that there's always something going on there. I would spend a week there each fall for continuing education events, and I don't mind saying that I really looked forward to it. There was one important thing though. Instead of staying at the Hotel on the conference grounds I would take my small pop-up camper to the campground and ask for the camping area as far away from the entrance and as high up on the mountain as I could get.

After a busy day of class, special time for fellowship, and an evening time of worship I would go back up to the solitude of my camper for my own time of meditation and quiet. It was so peaceful and beautiful there that I couldn't help but turn my spirit free. It was a special time for me to be at one with the spirit of the universe. It was a special time when I could bring in the strength of that spirit in order to refresh my soul. It was a special time of putting aside the responsibilities of my ministry, the worries of personal and professional life, and just bare my soul. It was a time of emptying myself in order to refill myself.

The next day I would come down for a new day of classes, fellowship, and worship with a new energy and excitement that made those experiences more real and meaningful.

Not everyone can travel to Lake Junaluska and the solitude of that mountain campground. But we all need our special time and place where we can be alone, bare our soul, and empty ourselves so that we can be refilled. It's been a long time since I've been to Lake Junaluska, but I've never forgotten how important it is to connect with the spirit so that our public lives are more fulfilling and meaningful. Find your own personal "Lake Junaluska"; you'll be glad you did.

Lloyd

**Mt. Hope United Church of Christ**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2014**

**Members Present:** Gloria Apple, Linda Ayers, Todd Chapmon, Bill Craft, Lloyd Gilliam, Cathy Gossett, Clifton Greeson, Bob Hamlett, Dora Moore, Cheryl Royal, Becky Stafford.

**Trustees Present:** Harden Phipps, Wesley Reece, and Stephen Shue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was established and President Lloyd reviewed the proposed agenda.

**Devotions:** Pastor Lloyd Spencer asked Consistory members to read Psalms 21 and to remember the words of this chapter and to carry them with them all year.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the December minutes as written. The motion carried.

**Trustee's Report:** Harden Phipps gave an update on HVAC and stated that the Maintenance Committee would be meeting on Monday and Tuesday nights with heating contractors to negotiate contract specifications.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Lloyd stated that The Fellowship Team is ready to go for the year.
- Pastor Lloyd reported that he attended the Western N C Association Board of Directors Christian Education meeting January 4, 2014. He reported that they were looking for someone to help churches with growth and development.
- The Ladies Bible study class will be conducted after receiving the final count for those interested.
- Case study session classes on "Churches Who Are Dying and What They Did about It" will be conducted once church members sign up for class. Once books are ordered and received the sessions will begin for seven weeks on Sunday nights. Everyone is welcome to attend. Clifton Greeson stated that we all need to support this leadership course.
- Sharon Moore will head the Youth ministry with a meeting scheduled for January 19, 2014.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill reported the December, 2013 treasurer's report as follows:

Although giving for 2013 totaled \$227,015, we did not meet the approved budget of \$194,050 for the year. This is because part of the funds collected went for the remainder of the new windows purchase, some contributions were for special giving not associated with the 2013 budgeted needs, and again for 2013, maintenance expenses were unusually high. He also provided these balances:

- **The general fund at the end of November was (\$6,899.07). This reflects a negative balance.**
- **General fund receipts for December totaled \$27,351.95**
- **General fund disbursements for December were \$32,443.89**
- **At the end of the 2013 year, we were left with a general fund balance of (\$11,541.80). This also reflects a negative balance.**

Major expenses in December included our fourth quarter church package insurance premium, the Pastor's quarterly benefits package, heating fuel, our fourth quarter OCWM payment, and December salaries. The ending general fund checking balance was \$27,419.96 on January 1, 2014.

Bill indicated that in view of decreasing revenues to meet our budgeted needs, we must find new sources of income. Lloyd Gilliam reinforced this view by indicating that reactivating the Stewardship Committee is a priority for the New Year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December treasurer's reports as presented. The motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Van Committee update – Cliff** - We will be getting the new van by the end of January. Cliff will negotiate a trade or sale of old van. Classes on driving the new van will be offered to interested parties at a later time.

**Finance Committee – Cliff** - Cliff reported that the sale of soup collected \$1,384 and added that we need to initiate other means to build up the treasury to offset continuing overhead expenses.

**Stewardship Committee – Gloria, Becky, Cathy, Cliff, Barbara, Benny, Bill, Lloyd, and Landon** - Bill Craft reported that this committee will be looking at sources of revenue/ fundraising for building up the church treasury.

## New Business:

- Communion dates and plans were discussed by Lloyd Gilliam
- Lloyd stated that we needed to have a Vision/Mission statement for church
- Todd Chapmon asked the consistory if Brianna Chapman's group FCCLA could use the fellowship hall to host a babysitting fund-raiser event for Safety features for a family. Dates would be February 14<sup>th</sup> and Super Bowl Sunday night. A motion was made and seconded to grant permission for the group to use our facility. The motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Spencer

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Linda Ayers, Secretary



Hello Ladies! We have a busy month ahead. The church supper will be Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, so we will all be helping with various tasks so we can feed the crowd. We look forward to a good time of fellowship as we work together.

We will have a joint circle meeting on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall. We will discuss nominations for officers for next year, as well as any adjustments to our budget, and plans for our new local project. Our Bible Study will continue. This month the theme will be **God Provides** and the background Scripture will be Exodus 15 -18.

It was agreed at our February circle meetings to prepare breakfast for the youth after their lock-in. The women are excited about helping with this on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be fine-tuning the menu at our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

After so much cold weather we are all looking forward to some warmer weather.

Happy Spring!  
Elizabeth Craft



## Friends & Neighbors

Our Friends & Neighbors group met on Tuesday, February 18. Chairman Dottie Deeter welcomed everyone and Nancy Wimbish had devotions. Since February is the "love" month, she read love poems – about God's love for us entitled "His Love will Light the Way" and "First Love." She ended with a prayer thanking God for his love and asking for God's blessings.

We recognized those who have birthdays in February: Jim Wimbish, Mary Reece, Lloyd Gilliam, and Joan May. In fact our meeting date was Lloyd's birthday. We sang Happy Birthday, May God Bless you to everyone in celebration of these special birthdays.

Dottie read thank you notes received, and we identified people to whom cards were to be sent. Door prizes were awarded to Lloyd Gilliam, Clarine Ingold, and Peggie Coble. We scheduled a trip to Western Steak House in Burlington on Tuesday, March 11 so we could try out the new church bus. We will leave the church at 11:15. Be sure to sign up with Dottie Deeter if you want to go.

We welcomed our guests, Rev. Joe Miller and his wife Marcia. Rev. Miller, pastor of Coble's Lutheran Church sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place." He read several poems or humorous writings, and he played the accordion. He was very entertaining and we enjoyed his humor and music.

Following our program, Doug Clapp led us in prayer and we enjoyed a covered dish lunch together.

**\*\*\*Note Changes to Friends & Neighbors March Meeting.** Due to maintenance and repair work scheduled in the fellowship hall, we must cancel the movie scheduled on Tuesday, March 18. However we will take a drive in the new church bus and go to lunch on March 18 instead of March 11 (meet only on our regular meeting day). Everyone is invited to go. Just meet at the church; we will leave at 11:00 a.m. Call Dottie Deeter or Barbara Greeson if you have questions.





**Rev. Joe Miller pastor of Coble's Lutheran Church**



**Greensboro Urban Ministry:** In the month of January, 152 pounds of food was taken to Greensboro Urban Ministry. As usual, they were very grateful for the items that were brought. You are doing such an amazing job in helping to provide for those who are in need. Our March collection dates will be Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and again on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience a basket has been placed in the Narthex for your donations of non-perishable food items. There are also containers in the breezeway. We pray for God's blessings on all of us as we support this much needed ministry.

## *Change of Address*

Pat Huizinga has a new address: Ms. Pat Huizinga, Alamance Plaza, Apt. 308, 111 Maple Avenue, Burlington, NC 27215. Her phone number remains the same. Please make this change in your directories.

Mike and Kendra Terraforte also have a new address: 109 Courtney Circle, Four Oaks, NC 27254.

**It's A Boy!** 

Congratulations to Trevor and Jessica Bolton who are the proud parents of Waylon Calloway Bolton born Thursday, February 6, at 1:13 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2" long.



**2-week old baby Waylon and his daddy on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was his first time at church and his first time to participate in the Children's Moment.**



**The Fellowship Committee Movie night took place on Friday, February 7, 2014 @ 7:00 pm. It was a great time for all who came!**



**Everyone enjoying the movie**

**Our 2014 consistory members were installed in January during a worship service.**



**Front row, Left to right: Clifton Greeson, Linda Ayers, Lloyd Gilliam, Dora Moore, Gloria Apple  
Second row: Bill Craft, Dallas Belvin, Cathy Gossett, Becky Stafford, Stephen Shue,  
Not Pictured: Todd Chapmon, Cheryl Royal, and Bob Hamlett**

**Consistory officers for 2014:**

President – Lloyd Gilliam; Vice President - Dallas Belvin; Secretary – Linda Ayers; Assistant Secretary – Gloria Apple; Treasurer – Bill Craft; Assistant Treasurers – Cathy Gossett & Becky Stafford; Trustees: Harden Phipps, Wesley Reece, and Stephen Shue

**The picture below** shows an important moment in the history of Mt. Hope. After many meetings and much prayer the picture shows the signing of the contract to repair our heating and air system. There will be a few weeks of inconveniences as the system is being repaired. But, think about how great it will be in the spring when we're nice and cool. And, we won't have to worry about those leaks! Thanks to our trustees and the maintenance committee who made this happen.



# Baptism

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, **Jackson Cole Terraforte** was baptized. Mike and Kendra are the proud parents. The family has since moved to the Goldsboro area as Mike's job has transferred them. We will certainly miss this sweet family!



Our spring **Chicken Pie & BBQ Supper** will be held on Saturday, March 8 beginning at 5:00 pm. We look forward to working with everyone on this church project as we prepare the food to serve our guests. Please remember the dates and times you signed up to work;

we need you. For those of you who have not signed up, call Dee Greeson; we still need workers. It really helps to know ahead of time that we have people lined up to fill certain jobs. Also, please keep in mind we need DESSERTS and hope you will consider making a couple of your favorite recipes to serve our guests. When the Supper Committee met a couple of weeks ago (with representatives from each Sunday school class), it was decided the 15% of the proceeds would go to Alzheimer's Research and Meals4Kids. Let's work together to make this a successful project. **Also we need a new supply of gallon milk containers to use for our tea. If you have a few clean gallon containers, please bring them to the church.** Thanks for your help.



**Social Concerns Committee:** The Social Concerns Committee is offering a new service. If there are people in our congregation who are unable to drive, we are offering transportation. If there are those who are unable to take themselves to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, or other necessary places, please contact Linda Miller and we'll try to arrange transportation for you.

**Social Concerns Committee Project:** The Social Concerns Committee is taking on a project to help children at Hampton Elementary School who are unable to help themselves. We are collecting wide-ruled notebook paper, wide-ruled notebook binders, pencils, glue sticks, and colored pencils. There are many children in grades 3, 4, and 5 who are unable to get these items for themselves. There will be a box in the breezeway to collect these items. If you're able to provide any of these please drop them in the box as soon as possible. We thank you and a lot of needy children thank you as well.

**Andy Open Golf Tournament:** Begin planning now for this year's Andy Open Golf Tournament. It will take place on May 31, 2014 at the Walnut Wood Golf Course. Put this date on your calendar now!



**Calling All Youth!**

**Mt. Hope Needs YOU!! Ages K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**What:** Work a shift for the Mt. Hope Chicken Pie BBQ Supper

**When:** March 8, 2014 First shift – 5:00-6:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> shift 6:30-8:00

**Ages 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth responsibilities:**

- New Fellowship Hall kitchen duties include: clean trays, work the dishwasher, dry trays and silverware, wrap silverware for supply, clean

up after supper (clean tables, put tables and chairs up, package leftovers, sweep and mop)

**Ages K-7<sup>th</sup> grade youth responsibilities:**

- New Fellowship Hall duties include: pick up trays from customers that are finished eating and return to kitchen, refill drinks, refill bread baskets, help customers carry trays to tables, if needed, assist with cleanup after supper

These are extremely important and MUCH needed services that our youth contribute to the supper! Youth, if you are committed to performing these duties during a designated shift, please come join the church family for this important event!

**If interested please contact: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade - Carmen Cox [ccox@labcorp.com](mailto:ccox@labcorp.com) / 312-2173 - K-7<sup>th</sup> grade contact Sharon Moore [smsharon4@aol.com](mailto:smsharon4@aol.com) / 697-8215**



**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am - 10:00pm

Texas Roadhouse will Donate **10%** of your total purchases back to Mount Hope UCC when you present this flyer to your server!

**Call AHEAD SEATING**

**(336) 584-1205**  
1651 Glidewell Dr  
Alamance Crossing



**Soup Sale.** We had more requests for soup. So a fresh pot of vegetable soup has been made and is available for pick up now in the old kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6/quart. Proceeds to go toward missions, community outreach, and to meet budget needs.

Don't Forget



### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time is here again! At 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour. Of course, you can go ahead and set them before you go to bed on Saturday night!!

Spring Forward

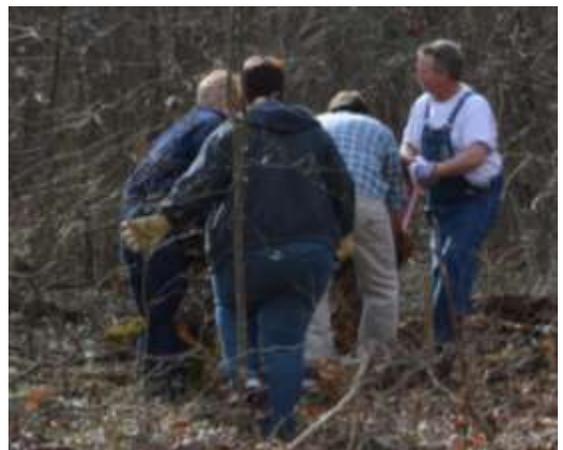


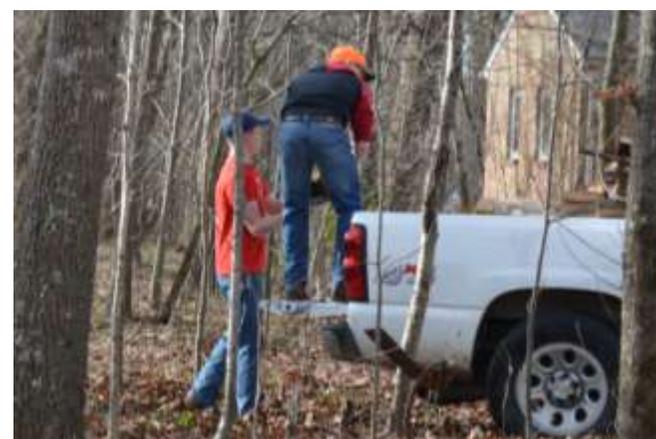
**Garden Club:** The Good Earth Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, here at the church at 7 p.m.

**Acts of Random Kindness:** After all this bad weather we have been having, on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we were blessed with a beautiful day to do another ARK Project. We heard someone in our church family needed wood to keep their family warm and everyone went into action. We ended up with about five truck loads of wood cut and split and stacked ready for them to use. Thanks to everyone that came out and helped. We had a good group of The Disciples Class and Youth. The Youth always make us proud! Special thanks to Bill Craft for bringing his wood splitter and Mandy Levens and Nancy Phipps for the delicious lunch that helped keep us going. It is such a blessing to each of us to be a part of this project. If you would like to help in any way, remember you can fill out one of the forms and place it in the ark in the sanctuary. You can note anything you are willing to help with or make a donation and you will be contacted when the next project comes up. **Check out the photos here:**









**Thank you:** To all of you at Mt. Hope United Church of Christ: Thank you so very much for all of your visits, prayers, and all that you've done from your wonderful flock to our family. Mother and Daddy found their niche among you. Your kindnesses and friendships have been so generous. That fabulous buffet after the service was so perfect and truly warming. Words just can't express how much you all have meant to us through Mother's illness and service. I know you'll continue to support Daddy. Thank you all so much. Bill, Fran & Irby, Jan & Tim, Zach, Alesia & Ally, Graham and Michelle, Billy and Sherry, Chelsea, Marina, Phoebe & Greg and Jackson. The Family of Helen Starr

**Thank you:** I wish to thank the pastor, the church secretary and all of those congregational members that remembered me in prayer, telephone calls, visits, cards and food when news of the breast cancer was revealed to our family. It took a year and a half for the diagnosis to finally be made, but it was made in the first stage. The remembrances meant so much to Harden, Ashley and me. Most of all, I thank God for hearing those prayers and answering those prayers with a resounding "I Am With You." I will begin radiation next week, but praise God there will be no chemotherapy. Love to all, Harriett

**Thank you:** Thank you for the wonderful birthday celebration on February 2nd. Your attendance and expressions of love were greatly appreciated. Love, Blanche Greeson

**Thank you:** Thank you for your prayers, cards, and concerns during my recent back surgery and recovery. I am blessed to have such a caring church family. Love, Carol Sawyer.

**Thank you:** A special thank you to Rev. Spencer and the Mt. Hope friends who have called, visited, sent cards, and to each one who made a stitch in this special quilt. It helps to know others cared. And an extra thank you to Cynthia Morris and Linda Miller who delivered the quilt on such a cold winter day. We enjoyed your visit. May you always be blessed for the kind things you do. Always grateful, Bettie Kime

**Thank you:** Thank you to the Mt. Hope Community Fire Department for sponsoring the blood drive in memory of Everett. Thanks to everyone who came out to participate. A big thank you also goes out to the ladies auxiliary who do so much to make it a successful drive. It is so wonderful to live in such a caring community! Sara Shue

**Thank you:** Thank you for blessing me with your kindness and your prayers and your gifts. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. I am so grateful to have all of you as my church family and for your caring for me. God has truly blessed me! Love & prayers, Pat Huizinga

**Thank you:** I'm so blessed to be part of such a wonderful and caring church family. There aren't words to express my appreciation for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during and following my hospital stay, but also while I've been struggling with neck pain. Thank you for making my heart sing! You are in my prayers and may God bless each one of you. Dottie Deeter

**Thank you:** (This letter was received for the donation that was made to the Ministry through the Poinsettia Fund we established to take the place of the Poinsettias in the Sanctuary at Christmas.) Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Greensboro Urban Ministry thanks you for your generous gift of \$686.00. The winter weather and

the continuing economic hard times are hurting many Greensboro men, women, and children. Thanks to your gift, their pain is being lessened by the numerous ways they are being served by our ministry. Keep us in your prayers this winter as we continue to assist those in crisis by: providing shelter through our WE! (Winter Emergency) Shelters; providing emergency heating assistance to families and individuals who would otherwise be left cold; finding homes and jobs for the homeless; providing emergency food assistance; serving meals to over 600 people daily at Potter's House Community Kitchen; and, providing pastoral care and hope through our chaplaincy program! Bless you for caring enough to share your resources with us! Sincerely, Rev. Mike Aiken, Executive Director



**March Birthdays**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katelyn Neal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Welker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Craven
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gloria Belvin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jaynee Brown, Michael Johnson
- 8<sup>th</sup> Austin McDade
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tammy Reece, Emily Smith
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Clendenin, Patrick Oliver
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lillian Clapp, Ruth Harris, Lula Mae Neese
- 13<sup>th</sup> Brianna Chapmon, L.B. Friddle, Alan Sawyer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hayleigh Bradsher, Conner Chapmon, Bill Starr
- 15<sup>th</sup> David Blakesley, Tiffany Cauthren, Greg Whitesell
- 17<sup>th</sup> Shawn Arrington
- 18<sup>th</sup> Donald Nance
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dewey Greeson, Ashley Phipps, Tony Whitesell
- 20<sup>th</sup> Charles Greeson, Peggy Kilby
- 21<sup>st</sup> Shannon Neese
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Andrews, Orville Woodard
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bridget Roberts
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jacob Sowers, Jr.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Betty Jean Clary, Dorie Whitman
- 28<sup>th</sup> Gary Apple, Megan Gardner
- 31<sup>st</sup> Brittany Clark



### March Anniversaries

- 12<sup>th</sup> Bob & Dottie Deeter
- 25<sup>th</sup> Steve & Sandy Gardner
- 30<sup>th</sup> Trevor & Jessica Bolton



### March Calendar

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collecting for Greensboro Urban Ministry  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11:00 a.m., Worship  
3:00 p.m., Youth Planning Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Study Group
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Garden Club
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
7:00 p.m., **Ash Wednesday Service**  
Choir rehearsal following service
- 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m., **Chicken Pie/BBQ Supper**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time  
Collecting for Greensboro Urban Ministry  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11:00 a.m., Worship  
7:00 p.m., Study Group
- 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Joint Ladies' Circle Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Consistory
- 16<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11:00 a.m., Worship  
3:00 p.m., Youth Planning Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Study Group
- 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m., Friends & Neighbors  
7:00 p.m., Evangelism Team
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 21 – 23 **Youth Lock-In**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11:00 a.m., Worship  
3:00 p.m., Youth Planning Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Study Group

- 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee
- 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 30<sup>th</sup> **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**  
9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
11:00 a.m., **Youth Service**  
7:00 p.m., Study Group

### Some good points to think about.

#### NOT ALL THIEVES ARE STUPID

**1. Some people** left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

**2. GPS -** Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

**3. CELL PHONES -** I never thought of this... This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. 20 minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says 'I received your text asking about our Pin number and

I've replied a little while ago.' When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

**Moral of the lesson:**

a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc...

b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.

c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends' who text you.

**4. Purse in the grocery cart scam...** A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf...wait till you read the WHOLE story!! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

**BE ALERT**

**Spring Flowers**

- ANEMONE
- BLUEBELLS
- BUTTERCUPS
- COLUMBINE
- CROCUS
- DAFFODILS
- FORGET ME NOTS
- GLORY OF THE SNOW
- HYACINTH
- IRIS
- JACK IN THE PULPIT
- LADYS SLIPPER
- LILY
- MARSH MARIGOLD
- MAY APPLE
- MAY FLOWERS
- NARCISSUS
- PHLOX
- POPPY
- PRAIRIE ROSE
- SHOOTING STAR
- SNOWDROPS
- SPRING BEAUTY
- TULIPS
- VIOLETS



Y P R M K Z O Y D S M V E O P A  
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