

## “What IS The Generosity Factor?”

During this month of November, we are engaging this new series in worship which seeks to discover the ‘Meaning of Life’ from the definition of what IS ‘the Generosity Factor’! Hopefully, you have been involved with us in this experience of worship and already you’re discerning the answer to the Generosity Factor? The five principles we learn in this experience can impact our daily lives such that we may never be the same, once engaging these learnings into daily life. This IS what I believe the gospel teaches us and the “abundant life” which Jesus Christ taught about – it IS available to us all! The final Sunday of this series will be on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will be the most appropriate day for the culmination of ‘the Generosity Factor’ discovery! You will want to make sure not to miss any of these times in worship, especially plan to be in worship on Thanksgiving Sunday. Truly, we do have SO much for which to be thankful and will learn how significant that expression is to our whole daily life as a ‘follower of Jesus Christ’!



We’re using the little book, “The Generosity Factor” by S. Truett Cathy – founder and owner of Chick-Fil-A – and Ken Blanchard – author of ‘*The One Minute Manger*’ and other books – as a basic resource and study with this series. You would greatly benefit from getting a copy of the book and reading the remarkable parable told in its story. We will have some copies available at church and they are available from Chick-Fil-A.

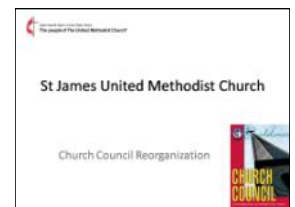
Have you marked your calendar for November 13<sup>th</sup> ? That Thursday evening will be our annual **Church Conference**. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Alan Jefferson, will be with us to lead us in this time of ministry celebration and visioning. It is the hope of our Finance Team and the Church Council to have the 2008 budget ready for approval that evening as well. A major item of interest on that evening’s agenda will be the proposal from the Church Council to re-structure our Church ministries into Teams for ministry driven from our Mission Statement and Core Values. This is a re-organizing of how we structure and function to do ministry more effectively; all effective ministries engaged in the past will be located in a new Ministry Area and have a full team of laity to work together on a more focused plan of ministry. This helps to fulfill our Mission Statement, as well as, very intentionally, refocus our ministries to reaching those ‘far from God’ or un-churched. We, who are the Body of Christ, will be nurtured into strengthening and growing, Spiritual growth small groups motivated to reach out to others in the name of Christ! The days and months ahead of us are very exciting and what God has in-store for us will be a season of ministry to make us ‘red-hot’ for Christ!

We want to offer HIM our very best and our leadership team is energized and ready to move forward to the ‘next level’ for the cause of Christ! This is a major challenge in growth and change AS WELL AS the opportunity God has given us “for such a time as this”! We are launching into some exhilarating new times of ministry – you are called to invest in it with us for His sake. God is ready to bless these ministries beyond imagination! I can’t wait to move forward with you... let’s get together in worship weekly; gather on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and chart our course for the future and launch out in His name! This Advent and Christmas season could be a time unlike any other! Don’t miss it – bring a friend!



Peace, kim <><  
senior pastor

**NOTE: copies of the re-structuring concept are available in the lobby area of our worship center.**





**September 2008**

**Operating Budget:**

Received \$ 308,699.39

Budget Amount \$ 392,576.22

**Under Budget: -\$ (83,876.83)**

**Building Fund:**

Received: \$ 110,829.81

Budget Amount \$ 112,357.53

**Under Budget: -\$ (1,527.72)**

**DIANNE SITA**  
3524 Cheshire  
Square, Unit D  
Sarasota, FL 34237  
Phone: 953-7023

**OUR NEW  
MEMBER**

Joined Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

**NORMA McBRIDE**  
3640 Aachen St.  
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Phone: 358-7494  
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Email: atravelnma@aol.com

**OUR NEW  
MEMBER**

Joined Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

**ATTENDANCE**

Oct. 08	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26	TOTAL
All Services	306	262	227	290	1085
7:45 am	32	30	Unity	35	97
9:10am	207	157	227	164	755
11am	63	79	Unity	91	233

**COUPLE'S RETREAT**

**MARCH 13-15 OR  
MARCH 20-22, 2009**

**Couples' Retreat**



It is encouraging for all couples to attend the Couple's Retreat even if you and/or spouse are also attending or have attended the respective Men's and Women's Retreats. If you cannot attend both the individual and couple's retreats then choose the Couple's Retreat. It will be a time of togetherness and a spiritually engaging experience as you spend time with each other in a truly holy place. If you have not been to a Leesburg Retreat to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the grounds, the lake that surrounds it and the Spirit of God surrounding you - you need to go.

Also, if you are already planning to go to the women's and/or couples retreats, please let Margaret Hackett know so that she can coordinate carpooling so not everyone has to drive. If you prefer to drive yourself, please let Margaret know. You do not have to be a member of Saint James in order to join us at these Retreats. Have friends from another church or out of town wishing to attend? Not a Problem. Let Margaret know. For more details or just a question, please call Margaret Hackett at 952-9132. Please leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

**LEESBURG WOMEN'S RETREAT  
JANUARY 23-25, 2009**

Thanks to those who have responded to the call to attend the coming Women's Retreat. We have a nice group already signed up and still have plenty of room for more. Won't you consider joining us for a wonderful time of sisterhood, and a spiritually enriched weekend in a most beautiful and serene setting?

Also, if you are already planning to go to the women's retreat, please let Margaret Hackett know so that she can coordinate carpooling so not everyone has to drive. If you prefer to drive yourself, please let Margaret know. You do not have to be a member of Saint James in order to join us at these Retreats. Have friends from another church or out of town wishing to attend? Not a Problem. Let Margaret know. For more details or just a question, please call Margaret Hackett at 952-9132. Please leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank every one of my fellow church members who supported me with their love and condolences when my husband Bill died in August. The kindness you showed through your cards, your notes, your attendance at the calling hours or the memorial service was very uplifting, and helped me to get through a most difficult time. I appreciate everything you did, and will try to thank you by doing for someone else in need.

May God bless all of you richly with love and fellowship, and may He give you comfort in your trying or troubled times in life.

Sincerely, Pat Sharp

*Thank You*

### *Thanks from Bill and Jackie Yeager*

It is with deep gratitude that we thank all the members of Saint James congregation who have responded in such a big way to Jackie's illness which was diagnosed at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with a biopsy of her bone marrow.

We are so appreciative of all the prayers on our behalf; and we are convinced that these have kept Jackie, with her positive attitude and the grace of God, going longer than the Oncologist originally predicted. In addition to all the prayers, we thank all of you who have visited and called Jackie, who have sent so many beautiful and inspiring cards, as well as flowers, and who have offered to help in any way. And we thank Pastor Kim for his visits, his prayers with us, and for administering Holy Communion when Jackie was unable to receive it at church worship services.

We both feel so blessed to be part of Saint James congregation; and we want you to know that we love all of you dearly. *Bill and Jackie*



Dear Church Family,

Leo and I would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers for our daughter, Terre and son in law, Josh and our most recent addition to our growing list of Grand Children. On May 24th I flew up North to be with my daughter, Terre who had an emergency C-section to deliver her twins. Sibel Elise was only **1 lb. 6 ounces** at birth and her brother, Deniz Ayden was **4 lbs.** They spent 2 months plus in the intensive care nursery at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. They are both at home as of August but still on monitors. They both are on the same special formula that sister, Semra was on with her milk allergy when she was so ill 2 years ago. They are doing well. They will be having some assessments done in November to see how they are doing developmentally. Even though they are 5 plus months old by birth now they were born at 31 weeks gestation so are more like 3 month olds. So far the testing and assessments are coming back normal and that we are so appreciative of that fact!



*Picture of the twins together at home finally during the first week in August*

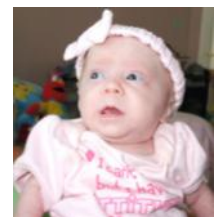
Terre believes that it is only thru the grace of God and the prayers of so many that she has her children alive. She is also a big fan of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) which is ranked number 1 in the Country for Neonatal. We are blessed to live in a Country that has the healthcare system and modern miracles that are performed every day by our skilled doctor and nursing professionals! Thank you all so much for your care, expressions of love and concern and your prayers! They mean so much!

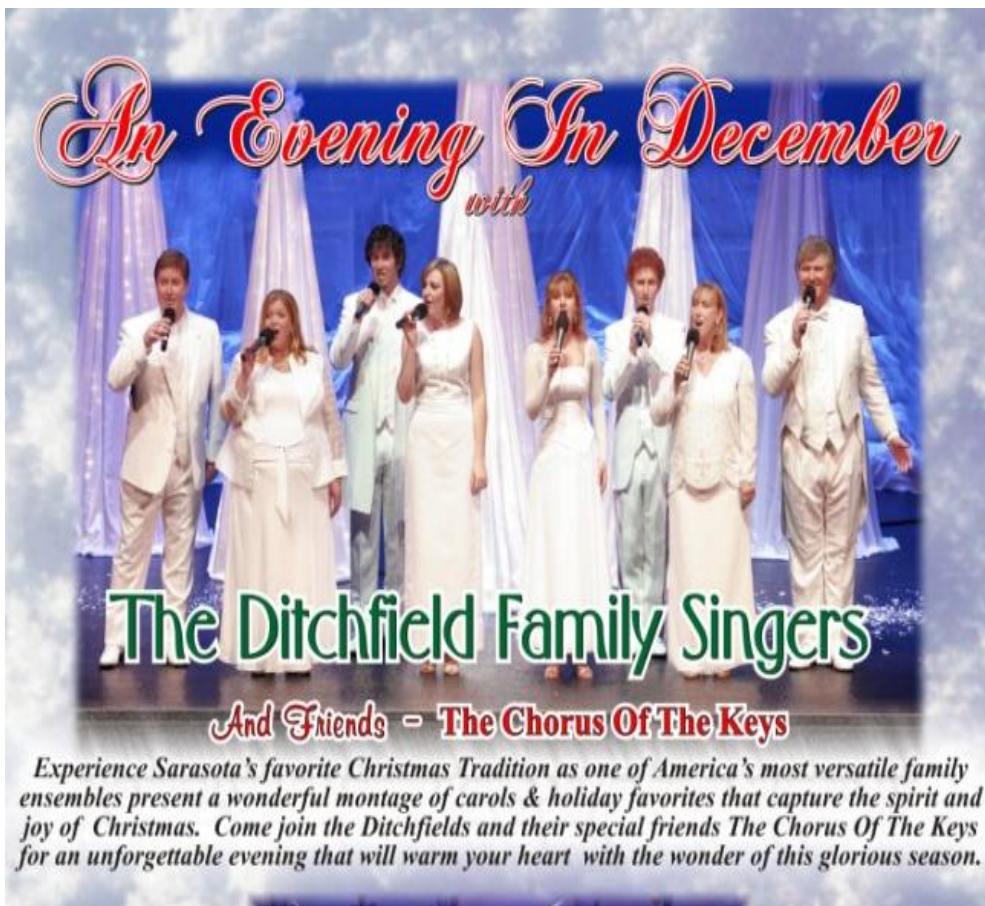
Joan and Leo Masucci



*'Grandma JOAN with twins Sibel (girl) and (boy) Deniz and older sister Semra'*

*-Favorite pix of Sibel taken in Sept*





*An Evening In December*  
with

**The Ditchfield Family Singers**

*And Friends - The Chorus Of The Keys*

*Experience Sarasota's favorite Christmas Tradition as one of America's most versatile family ensembles present a wonderful montage of carols & holiday favorites that capture the spirit and joy of Christmas. Come join the Ditchfields and their special friends The Chorus Of The Keys for an unforgettable evening that will warm your heart with the wonder of this glorious season.*

**The Ditchfield Family Singers** are often referred to as **Florida's version of The Von Trapps.** Led by parents Stephen and Bernice, the family includes son, Nathanael and his wife Regina, daughter Stephanie, teen-aged sons Michael and David, and three little grandsons: Andrew, Christopher and last, but not least, Joshua.

*--Interested in attending the December 13th (Saturday) Christmas Musical at 2pm? Call ROSE 342-8254 or BEE at 358-8906 to join Active Christians Together (ACT)*



**OPEN HOUSE**

**OUR NEW CHURCH PARSONAGE**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 5-8 PM**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO**  
**PASTOR KIM & JOANIE'S HOME**  
**ADDRESS:**  
**1292 FRASER PINE BLVD.**  
**SARASOTA FL 34240**



## THE BELL

### I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)  
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)  
 I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17)  
 I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20)  
 I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)  
 I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)  
 I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)  
 I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27)  
 I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom.8: 1-2)  
 I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)  
 I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)  
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21)  
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)  
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)  
 I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39)  
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)  
 I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)  
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)  
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)  
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)  
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)  
 I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)  
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)  
 I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship(Eph. 2:10)  
 I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5)  
 I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child(Eph 1:5)

I belong to God  
 Do you know  
 who you are!?



Thank you all you  
 wonderful VOLUNTEERS  
 for your help with the  
 pumpkin patch, the fall  
 fest and the Trunk or  
 Treat events. ~



~Birthdays & Anniversaries~



# NOVEMBER 2008

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# United Methodists Men's Corner

## CAN YOU SAY "BAR-B-QUE"

Saturday **SUCCESS!**  
October 18<sup>th</sup>  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, & April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
12:00 noon - 5:00pm



The Saint James United Methodist Men's Ministry is expanding their cooking skills!!!

### Pulled Pork & Smoked Turkey

### Sandwiches or Dinners

Sandwiches	\$6.00	Cole Slaw	\$.50
Beans	\$.50	Soft Drinks	\$.50
Tickets for \$6.00 on Sale Soon!		Free Dessert	

Dine in or takeout - however you like it

Help us to help others - proceeds used to support local Charities

Saint James United Methodist Church  
2049 N. Honore Ave. Sarasota, FL



**SAINT JAMES UMC  
UNITED METHODIST MEN MINISTRY**

NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>  
BREAKFAST SERVED  
FROM 8:00 AM - 11:00AM  
\$5.00 DONATION

**HELP US TO SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS  
AND  
ENJOY A GREAT ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST**

GOURMET PANCAKES  
*(A SECRET FAMILY RECIPE - MOMMA MIA)*

SCRAMBLED EGGS  
*(WE KEEP BREAKING THE YOKES)*  
BACON  
SAUSAGE  
FLORIDA ORANGE JUICE  
COFFEE  
AND  
**GREAT FELLOWSHIP**

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...



You say it's too early to think about the Christmas Season? Then think again!

With Advent Season less than two months away one might, at least, consider taking

advantage of the late summer sales for some advanced Christmas shopping.

This is precisely what the music director did when he came across a great Christmas Dramatic-Musical telling the Old Story in a modern setting.



Over a half-dozen acting roles are available in this less than 1 hour long musical that will

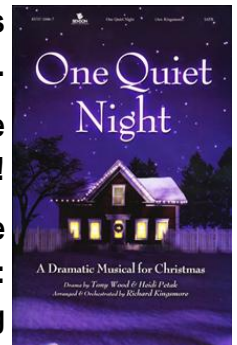
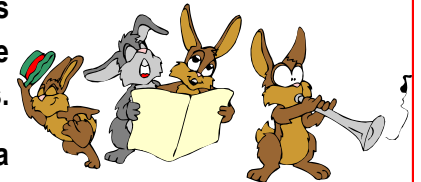
be presented at St. James UMC the weekend before Christmas.

The main roles include a "baby boomer"

couple with teenaged children along with a variety of additional roles with varying acting demands.

Singing is optional... The ability to "ham-it-up" is not!

Interested? Inquire to the following e-mail address: [music@saintjamesumc.org](mailto:music@saintjamesumc.org)



**LaTerry Butler,  
Director Music Ministries**

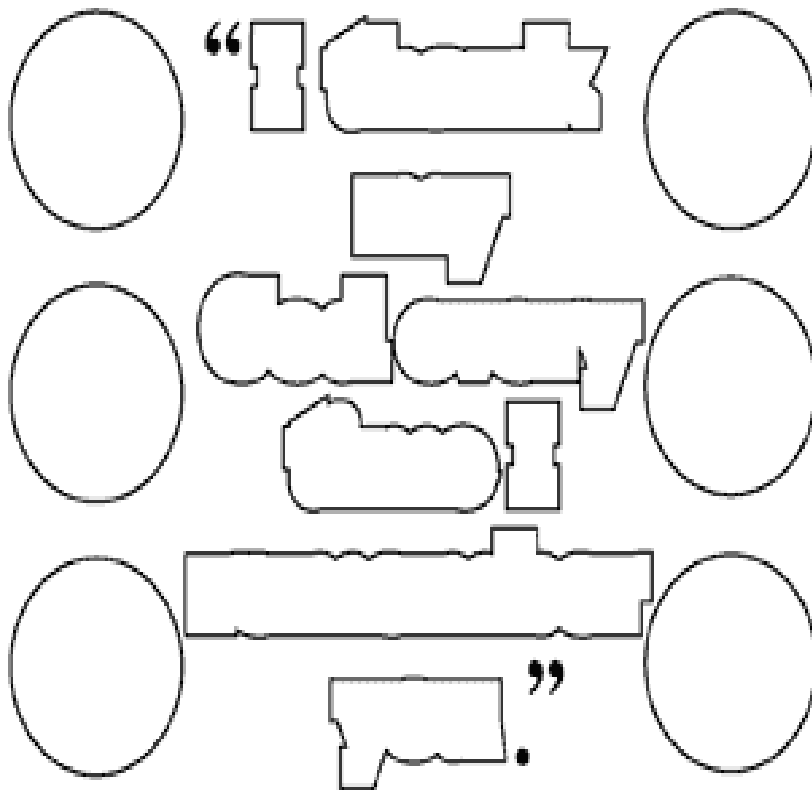


# Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

**WORD LIST:** remember time you I God  
I my thank every



Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."

## THANKSGIVING GATHERING



When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

**What you need:**

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Pencil
- Envelopes

**What you do:**

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, Philippians 1:3 (NIV)." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.

## GOD'S HANDS



### A RAINBOW Reminder:

After every storm, our Heavenly Father again parts the clouds and causes the sun to shine upon us. He is always with us, though we often forget when shadows of trial and tribulations darken our hearts. *“But joy comes in the morning!”* Trust in the Lord...He will never allow His beloved children to perish in the Dark.

### PRAYER:

Abba Daddy! Most Loving Father! How glorious is Your love!

Forgive us when we doubt You, when we momentarily forget Your unending kindness. Pardon us when we stray from following the path you have set before us since the beginning of time. Remind us that the scars of life are temporary, that our precious Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, suffered every one of those scars and more, for **US!** And with His blood, He healed the killing wounds, and transformed them into the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may never die but forever live!

Help us to use our spirit-filled lives to make You known to those we encounter. Don't let us miss any opportunity to gain another child for Your Kingdom! Make us 'encouragers' and not complainers, so that Your children are not led astray. Teach us Your Word so we may ourselves become teachers. Guide us to reach out with open arms and hug away the loneliness of the lost, so that Your peace is passed on. Strike a chord in us so that we will always resonate with the Holy Spirit.

Convert our every thought, word, action, habit, character so that we realize our purpose in life is the eternal, loving relationship with You and the whole community of Christ's brothers and sisters. When Your Light engulfs us, when we welcome in the Holy Spirit, when we again see Jesus alive in the world with us *and* in us, we recognize Your Will on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Blessed are we!

Amen [So Be It!]

~Traci Thompson, ChurchBeat Editor



## DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF 'UNANSWERED' QUESTIONS?

Perhaps you may arrive at your answers by browsing in our Church Library (Room 304) or check out one of the many books our librarian, Lois King, has brought out on the book cart in the narthex (lobby of building B). It's simple to take home a book, just sign the card inside the book's front cover, including the date, and you can read it at your leisure. There is NEVER a late book charge!!!! We use the honor system here at Saint

James...we know you will bring it back when you are done with it!

Some current selections awaiting a reader include:

- The Power of a Praying Parent*, by Stormie Omartian
- Joshua and the Children*, by Joseph F Grizone
- 90 Minutes in Heaven*, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
- Life Lessons from Corrie Ten Boom, a 3-in-1 Edition which includes “Life Lessons from the Hiding Place”, “In My Father’s House”, and “Tramp for the Lord.”*



## Attention!! Attention!!

Entertainment Books are now for sale in the office for only \$30.00 each. Please help to support the United Methodist Women and our mission projects!



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## Setting the Stage For The Coming King!

Every now and then we run into a work of art that, for some reason beyond our daily discourse, seems to grab us in an unusually phenomenal fashion. It could be a great photo, a song, a poignant love note, a beautifully crafted quilt, a masterful wood-carving, or a finely tuned landscape. Furthermore, for some people, an effective work of art could be a tattoo, (No discussion will be attempted here regarding bad tattoos versus good tattoos!), a raised pick-up truck on monster wheels, or the sound of the surf sloshing the sandy beach on a sweltering sunny day... Perhaps the idea is plain enough – “Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder!” All things considered, there seems to be an art-form that appeals to most everyone... That is the art of the storyteller. A good storyteller, *one who has the knack to tell, convey, or act out a good story*, seems to have a universal appeal among all people, everywhere. Do you think that is probably why Jesus majored in Parables, or made His strongest points through telling stories and setting the stage for dramatic moments as in raising Lazarus from the dead?

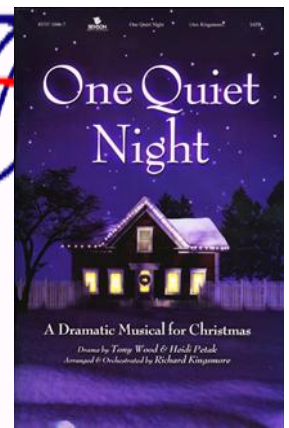
Well, the music & drama ministries will once again attempt to “set the stage” for a special dramatic musical production as we approach the season commemorating the birth of our Lord.

The title of this musical drama is ***One Quiet Night*** and will be presented on both Saturday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm and Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4pm here in the Sanctuary of St. James UM Church.

***A synopsis of the story would be that Kelly Hollis, our normal everyday harried American Mom, is frantically getting ready for Christmas. There are gifts to buy and cards to address and carols to sing and bathrooms to clean all before the 25<sup>th</sup> of December and Kelly is furious that her husband Mike and her children Katy, Christopher, and Caleb do not seem to be doing their part. Her panic builds to a frenzy, culminating in an accident that forces Kelly to surrender her agenda and allow her heart to be transformed by the true meaning of Christmas.***

Your invitation to be a part of this celebration, either as a participant or audience, is hereby extended. We need stage-crew members and choral singers and perhaps, an actress or actor.

Our next rehearsal will be Saturday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.!





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7:45 AM - Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of the Month and on Special Occasions)  
 9:10 AM - Life Anchor Praise Service (HOLY COMMUNION Every Sunday)  
 11 AM - Worship Service (HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of the Month and on Special Occasions)  
 9:10 AM + 10:55 AM - Sunday School for All Ages

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