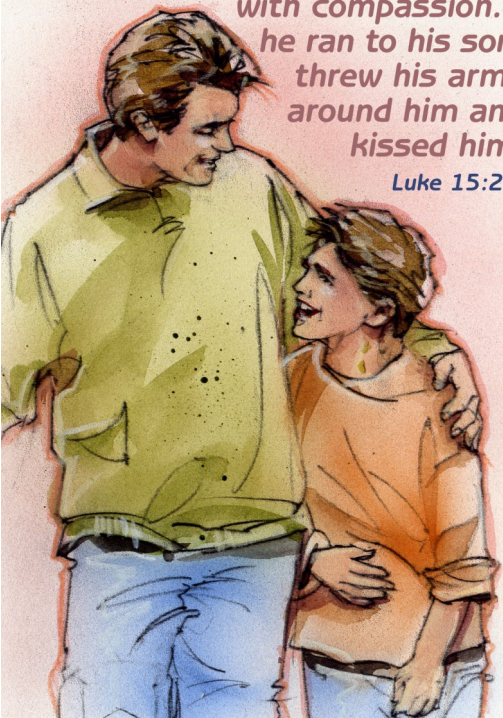


His father saw him and was filled with compassion... he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



Curlew United Methodist Church

where everyone is welcome and where all can make a difference!

Curlew UMC proudly celebrates 150 years of ministry.

Our Mission:

To Know, Love and Serve Jesus Christ by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit

Our Purpose:

Be the Body of Christ gathered in love. Worship God and Preach the gospel so that others may know the power of God's love through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Grow in faith, knowledge and strength in order to do God's work in the community and in the world.

For more information, please contact us.

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Sunday Morning

10:15 Organ Selections
10:30 Morning Worship



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THE COURIER NEWSLETTER

A monthly publication of Curlew United Methodist Church

JUNE 2021

From Pastor Rachel ...

Dear Curlew,

God's grace and peace be with you always! It has been a month since I have written, and as with so much in the last 12 months, time has passed both slowly and quickly. So much has changed: a new year, new vaccines, and a sense that so long as we take care of one another that we are journeying toward a new life with a certain level of control of the pandemic.

There are three types of time: chronological, cyclical, and God's time. The goal is to surrender to God's time while living in chronological time. Yet, church also has a cyclical nature to it. With summer being around the corner we are finishing a cycle of church time within this time of Pandemic. This reminds me of how much we have lived together - however differently - since the pandemic began.

Please know that the grace of God remains visible in our community of faith, and that the vitality of our congregation continues during this unexpected and challenging time. Together, let us seek to discover the new things God is doing in our midst! I hold all of you in my prayers, and I request your prayers as well.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Rachel*



The Curlew United Methodist Men continue to meet via ZOOM every Saturday morning at 8:00 am. If anyone would like to join us on Zoom.com, the ID sign-in code is: **714 5751 1391**. The password when prompted is: **umm**.



There will be a **Church Council** meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, June 6. Everyone is invited!



A Question or Two ...



1. If we had online giving available, is that something you would use?
2. Since we all seem to have our vaccines, would you be interested in an in-person summer Bible study if we followed proper protocol? Would you still prefer online?

Please call or email the church office with your answer to either/both questions.
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| 6/01 Glenn Woods | 6/21 Helen Hershman |
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| 6/10 Marcy Baker | 6/27 Victoria Lindsey |
| 6/13 Lois Lee Porter | 6/30 Nancy Bear |
| 6/16 Jim Swenson | |



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| 6/06 | Lee & Linda Swenson |
| 6/24 | Art & Gretchen Worth |

(If you want to send a birthday or anniversary card, please call the church office if you need an address for any of the folks listed here.)



Welcome Our New Members

Please be sure to welcome our new members into the Curlew family!

Nancy Kerr

Nancy Kirk

Their contact information is available in the online directory or by calling the church office.

Answer for: **A Father's Love**
COMPASSION



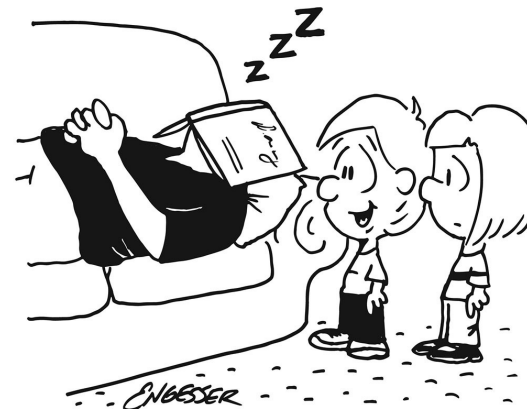
Be sure to go online to: **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and register to use our online directory. Only those in the directory can register, and then you'll have access to our most up-to-date information!

If you need information or assistance, call ...

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

A program of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.
The ADRC provides access to information and resources for:

- Adult Day Care
 - Caregiver Support
 - Food Resources/Meals on Wheels
 - Housing Options
 - Incontinence Supplies
 - Legal Services
 - Medicaid/Medicare
 - Nursing Home and Assisted Living Placement
 - Prescription Assistance
 - and more!
- Helpline: 1-800-963-5337 or 727-217-8111, 8 am - 5 pm; Online: www.AgingCareFL.org



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."



"And this is my dad. He begat me."

AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

Rada Cutlery has all kinds of kitchen gadgets, food mixes and cookbooks available for purchase. In order to see what's available, go to :

www.Radafundraising.com

Once you're on the page, it will ask you to select a fundraising group by putting in the city, state and zip code. Once you enter the info, our church should "pop up". Just click on that and you're all set!

If you don't have a computer, we have catalogs available in the church office.



Good Money



A preacher was asking for contributions to the church's program to buy food for the needy. The town gambler, who also owned the saloon and several other shady operations, offered the preacher \$500. "You can't take that," a scandalized deacon told the preacher. "That's the devil's money." "Well, brother," said the preacher, cheerfully accepting the gift, "in that case, the devil has had his hands on it long enough. Now let's see what the Lord will do with it."

People Needing Prayer

As the Body of Christ, we are called to pray for each other. What a privilege we have to go to God for the needs of our brothers and sisters!

As of the printing of this newsletter, we are in prayer for:
Ernie & Nancy Bear, Janice Boorse, Sandy Fika, Richard & Linda Hicks, Betty Johnson, Helen Kamp, JR Melvin, Mark & Mary Smiech, your Church Family and Church Leaders, the United Methodist Church, our country, and those across the globe fighting the coronavirus pandemic.



We are aware of several church families in need of prayer for loved ones, so please lift them up in prayer as well.

Let us help! **Please** be sure to call the Church Office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer. We want to know when someone is in the hospital or is in need of prayer for any reason, so please be sure to call the church office. If it's after hours, just leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible!

Pray for our Shut-ins

Esther Besch - 2851 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (Manor Care, 787-4777)

Mary DeDea - 2655 Nebraska Avenue, #1002, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (St. Mark, 785-2576)

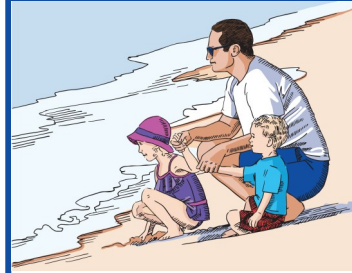
Eileen Huntington - 2655 Nebraska Avenue, #1022, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (St. Mark, 785-2576)

Barbara Bardua - 1212 Lanyard Street, Palm Harbor, FL 34685 (789-4313)

Evelyn Ralston - 2340 Grecian Way, Unit 20, Clearwater FL 33763

Time with My Father

by Evelyn Wells
www1.cbn.com



As he led us across our pasture, over the creek, and into the woods, Daddy quizzed us about the names of the flowers and trees we encountered. He was pleased when we knew, but there were always some I could not identify. This became a teaching moment, and Daddy encouraged me to pick a flower or leaf so I could grow familiar with them.

The dogwoods were laden with blossoms, and wild flowers were scattered throughout the green grass. There were dandelions, wild violets, and stray daffodils. We saw an occasional rabbit or squirrel, which scampered away when we got too close.

This was a springtime ritual. No matter what we had learned on previous years' walks, I never minded hearing it again. Invariably, I learned new things and relearned things I had forgotten. The best part of it all was spending time with Daddy. It was fun, and I loved those walks, simply because I was spending time with him.

I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty. (2 Corinthians 6:18 NLT)

Our Heavenly Father wants to spend time with us, and He wants us to enjoy spending time with Him. He delights in us, and He always has time for us. He is never too busy. Like a loving Father, God is available whenever His children need Him and when we just want to enjoy His company.

As I spend time early in the morning praying and studying Scripture, I feel myself growing closer to God. He opens the Scriptures and often shows me facets of verses I have not noticed before. I am learning so much as I sit at His feet. These early morning times with God are so special to me. As I loved being with my daddy as a child, I love being in the presence of my Abba Father.

God uses those times as teaching moments. I am learning that when battles come, and they will, to stand strong as He fights for me. Those are the times to lean on Him and not to depend upon myself. Sometimes God lets us dwell in our valleys for a season. We learn to trust Him better there.

The more time I spend with my Father, the more I learn to discern His direction for my life. I am learning to enjoy Jesus more and getting to know Him better, as I immerse myself into Bible study and prayer. I never grow tired of studying His word and of surrounding myself with fellow believers. The Holy Spirit is showing me daily how to be more deliberate in sharing His love and encouragement, so others will be drawn to Jesus.

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Time with My Father, cont.

When I asked Jesus into my heart when I was a child, I began a lifelong journey. At the time I did not realize how exciting it would be. Since then, God has led me, walked beside me, pushed me along, and sometimes carried me in His arms. I learned at an early age that I could depend on Him.

God, my Father, has continued to bless me in so many ways, especially with His constant presence in my life. In addition to being my Savior and Lord, He has also proven to be my Encourager, my Protector, and my Sustainer.

Each of us has a unique history with our Heavenly Father who is faithful and true. Always give thanks to Him for His love, mercy, and grace.



SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

Monday, June 14

Flag Day

May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! Psalm 20:5

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. Proverbs 23:24



Just a Reminder ...

If you are making a donation to a charity or organization (such as the Children's Home) through the church, please make the check payable **to the church** with a note in the memo line as to where you would like the money to go. The church will then send one check for the total amount collected from our congregation. *Otherwise, please mail your donation **directly** to the organization.*

If you go through the church, your donation will be recorded and show up on your yearly statement. If you mail it directly, you should receive a statement from the charity for tax purposes.



My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it. C.B. Kelland



From Your Thrifty Spirit

June is "bustin' out all over" here at the Thrifty Spirit. We are getting ready for our annual **Bag Sale on June 26** – the last Saturday of the month. You can fill a bag for \$4.00 with most anything in the shop. That includes clothing, shoes, purses, houseware and glassware, DVDs and CDs. The jewelry and showcase items are not included but will have a discount.

When you come you will notice that we have rearranged some shelving and showcases to better serve you. And many thanks to Bob and Linda Floyd for the fresh paint on the entrance!

We will be closing after the Bag Sale for the summer and will reopen in the fall. Hopefully, we will be back to having our wonderful UMM Spaghetti Dinner then!

I want to thank everyone for your prayer and support during the last year and also for the volunteers that have given up their Saturdays to help out. And I want to mention again all those that helped with our April Yard Sale - you were great!

I would ask that you hold all donations until we reopen in the fall and PLEASE do not leave anything on the shop porch. Either call the church office or my cell phone (260-348-5559) if you have a donation you need to bring to the shop.

Continue to keep us in prayer as we go forward doing God's work here at Curlew in the Thrifty Spirit!

As always,
Jerry and the volunteers



Your Time's Up!

Two doctors and an HMO manager die and line up together at the Pearly Gates. One doctor steps forward and tells St. Peter, "As a pediatric surgeon, I saved hundreds of children." St. Peter lets him enter. The next doctor says, "As a psychiatrist, I helped thousands of people live better lives." St. Peter tells him to go ahead. The last man says, "I was an HMO manager. I got countless families cost-effective health care." St. Peter replies, "You may enter. But," he adds, "you can only stay for three days."



We would like to thank you for continuing to support the church through your tithes and offerings, even during these uncertain times. Because of your faithful generosity we are able to meet our financial obligations. Pledge cards for 2021 are available in the church office and the narthex. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge!



Father's Day Blessings

Proverbs 23:24

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

Happy Father's Day! Curlew has a bumper crop of awesome fathers. Whether you are a biological father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, etc., you are appreciated, blessed and loved by God-and those children's (young or adult) lives you so lovingly touch.

God Himself created family, therefore as parents (both mother and father), we are responsible to God for nurturing our relationship with our children and with Him! Need a great parental guide? Read your Bible. Pray, Listen to God. Pray. Need some additional help? Observe closely the relationship between God and His Son, observe closely the relationship between Jesus and the children, Jesus and you!

Just as God loves, forgives, nurtures, provides and protects you, as fathers, the same must be done for our children.

By teaching your children about the sacrificial obedience of Christ (the Cross) to the Father, by teaching His Word, living out the Commandments, family time in devotions and prayer, you fulfill God's plan for you and your children to live a Christ centered life. Teaching them the benefits of giving their lives to Christ and the freedom, peace and joy that decision provides is sheer joy and its reward is beyond any earthly treasure-it is eternal life with Christ. Never take the honor of being a father lightly. And, remember, 1 Peter 4:8 Above all love each other deeply because love covers over a multiple of sins.

May your special day be filled with love, joy and some unexpected surprises as we celebrate you this Father's Day! And now:

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

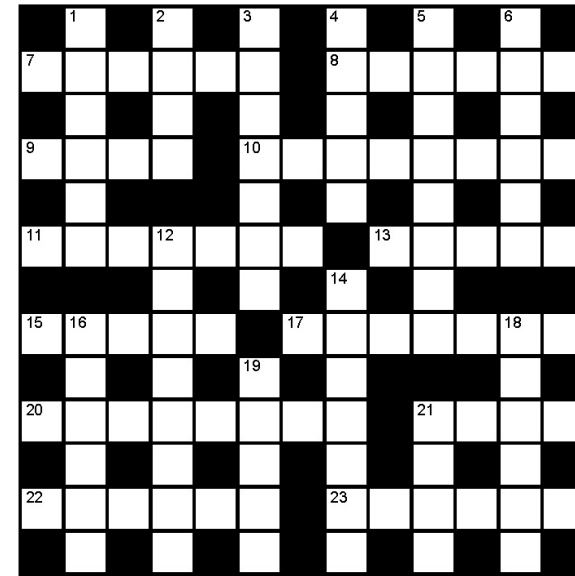
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His favor and give you peace. **(Numbers 6:24-26)**

Pastor Rachel, Debbie and the entire Worship Team wish you a day filled with joy, laughter and peace. Happy Father's Day!

In praise and gratitude to God,
Helen Hershman, Lay Leader

Book of Ecclesiastes Bible Crossword (King James Version)



Across

7 Everything that seems new has "been already of old time, which was _____ us." Eccles 1:10 (6)

8 "The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear _____ with hearing." Eccles 1:8 (6)

9 Don't be rash in mouth or hasty in heart when praying, "for God is in heaven, and thou _____ earth." Eccles 5:2 (4)

10 "Because sentence against an evil work is not _____ speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Eccles 8:11 (8)

11 "_____, O young man, in thy youth ... but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Eccles 11:9 (7)

13 Men are caught in a snare in an evil time, just like these animals are caught. Eccles 9:12 (5)

15 "The race is not to the _____, nor the battle to the strong ... but time and chance happeneth to them all." Eccles 9:11 (5)

17 If you see oppression and poverty, "marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the _____ regardeth; and there be higher than they." Eccles 5:8 (7)

20 Just like dead flies that "send forth a _____ savour," a little folly can outweigh wisdom and honour. Eccles 10:1 (8)

21 "For the living know that they shall die: but the _____ know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten." Eccles 9:5 (4)

22 "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to _____." Eccles 10:10 (6)

23 Solomon wanted to find out "the _____ of things," and to seek out wisdom. Eccles 7:25 (6)

Down

1 The preacher taught the _____ knowledge. Eccles 12:9 (6)

2 Remember God in your youth, while this is not darkened. Eccles 12:2 (4)

3 Wisdom is this, but it gives life to those that have it. Eccles 7:12 (7)

4 "Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be _____ me." Eccles 2:18 (5)

5 "The almond tree shall _____." Eccles 12:5 (8)

6 "Then I _____ all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun." Eccles 8:17 (6)

12 "If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great _____." Eccles 10:4 (8)

14 Solomon tells of his success and possessions. He says that he had male and female _____, along with musical instruments. Eccles 2:8 (7)

16 "There was a little city, and few men _____ it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it." Eccles 9:14 (6)

18 "To every thing there is a _____, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Eccles 3:1 (6)

19 "I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with _____, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity." Eccles 2:1 (5)

21 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy _____." Eccles 12:1 (4)

Dear Curlew Family,

It's the time of year when children everywhere are looking forward to outdoor activities, summer vacations, and NOT having to go to school! While the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home have many of the same thoughts, they are also learning about responsibility.



Older teenagers have part-time jobs. Others are volunteering on campus or in the community. Some of the children are attending summer school to catch up on academics, while others are working to get ahead. But they are all still having fun as well with pool parties, field trips, and summer camp. And your contributions make their summer experience possible.

As you can see, the success of so many children at the Children's Home is only possible through your support. Your continuing gifts provide the children with therapy, education, clothing, and other necessities for a happy and healthy life.

From both of us, thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

All God's blessings to each of you,
Bob and Linda Floyd

A FATHER'S LOVE

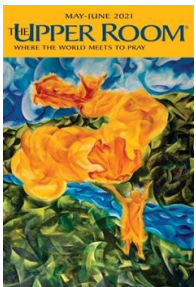
Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:
"As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

- Shem, Ham and Japheth = M
- Rachel and Leah = S
- Cain, Abel and Seth = O
- Solomon = O
- Isaac and Ishmael = P
- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S
- Jonathan = I
- John the Baptist = N
- Jacob and Esau = A
- Jesus = C

- God:** "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." C
- Adam:** God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. _____
- Noah:** His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham:** God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. _____
- Isaac:** His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban:** He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob:** Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul:** His son was David's best friend. _____
- David:** He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah:** His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

The Upper Room, May/June Edition



We have received both the regular and large-print editions of The Upper Room, May/June Edition. They are available in the narthex. If you are unable to attend church (but can still get out) and would like one, please stop by any weekday between 10:00-3:00. If that is not possible, just call the church office (784.3424) and we'd be happy to mail you one!

In case you were wondering ...

All money collected by **Miss Piggy** is donated to **The Kimberly Home** by the United Methodist Men. The Kimberly Home is a non-profit 501(c)3 pregnancy resource center in Clearwater that offers assistance to women and families in unplanned or troubling pregnancies.

