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From Pastor Tom Lacey

Congregational Church of Boca Raton exists to equip people, from all walks of life, to reach their God-given potential and fulfill God's plans for their lives.

That, my friends, is what you call a Vision Statement. In case you're wondering who came up with that and how long they took to do so: Brenda Johnson, Nest Jones, Sarah Hugus, and I worked on it for several months, as well as some other related pieces and issues. We hope you like it, at least after it gets explained a bit.

A vision statement sets a vision for an organization. The statement answers the question *why* something exists in broadest terms. Not all vision statements will use the word *exist* like we have, but since that is what we are talking about we thought it would be best to use it. We exist for this reason: to equip people.... We liked the word *equip* better than help or assist because it had more muscle to it; it also felt like it is calling us to really make a difference in people's lives. Some took it to refer to a sense of training people. We believe a church should be able to say it trains its members and friends in how to be Christian, how to follow Christ, how to become better, happier, stronger, kinder and more loving people.

We also like that our statement is a statement of inclusivity. We are open to people *from all walks of life*. We have open doors and open hearts and open minds to what God is doing in all people. There is God-given potential in each of us, and God has plans for all of our lives. Nobody is excluded from God's call to turn to the Lord, to serve others, and love God. We want to be a church where people can come to learn how to reach their God-given potential and fulfill God's plans for their lives.

Our Vision Ministry approved this vision statement at its January meeting. The congregation itself will also have an opportunity to weigh in on it and approve or disapprove at the 2012 annual meeting, Sunday, February 19, after worship. In behalf of the Vision Statement Team, I invite you to the annual meeting, and to talk to any of us about the vision statement.

May the God of all strength and wisdom aid us so that we become a church where people from all walks of life reach their God-given potential and fulfill God's plans for their lives.

Tom



PULPIT SUBJECTS

2011-2012 First Sunday of the Month Sermon Series *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*

Brian McLaren's book entitled the same will guide us in a year-long sermon series. For the next year, we will open the month with a message that looks to move your spiritual life forward or ground you deeper in the spiritual walk you already have.

First Sundays will be marked by refreshing, innovative, and dynamic worship experiences, as well as messages geared toward renewing a powerful and personal spiritual life, making these must-attend Sundays.

Time magazine hailed McLaren as one of America's 25 most influential evangelicals for his work as author, speaker, pastor, and social justice activist. You are encouraged to purchase his book, *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*.

February 5

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Communion

February 12

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms 147:1-11

Mark 1:40-45

Children's Choir

Youth Choir

Boca Bells

Fundraiser Luncheon

February 19

Last Sunday after Epiphany

2Kings 2:1-12

2Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Annual Meeting

February 26

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-6

Galatians 3:1-14

Do You Know What Time It Is?

We take it for granted that we know what time it is. We learned to tell time as a child--on a clock. But telling time when it comes to God's plans for us is very different. We want what we want right now. But now is not often the right time. Waiting on God is more like sitting in a doctor's waiting room, wondering when your turn is going to come. When it comes to God, don't worry. The door will open in good time, God's time.

If You Choose...

A man who wants to be healed says to Jesus, "If you choose you can heal me." Jesus of course responds, "I do choose." He is healed. Just like that. Man, if only. Right?! But what if we aren't the choosee, but we are the chooser? If I choose, then I heal (myself, loved ones, bad situations, etc.) If you choose to make it so, then by goodness it will be made so--or at least a very long way toward it. And the opposite is definitely: If you choose not to, then it won't. Your choice!

Staying Power

If you want to get inspired, listen to someone inspiring. If you want to learn, follow someone worth knowing. If you want to live better, then believe in someone better. Elisha stuck with Elijah all the way until the point when he was taken up to heaven in flaming chariots (of fire). Elisha loved Elijah; he learned from Elijah; he lived for Elijah; he was loyal to Elijah. He had staying power.

Do You Believe?

It's a good question...unless of course we don't know what it means exactly. There are some who believe we don't know how to believe. Strange, eh? But I think true. Most of us understand belief as if it means an opinion you hold, even without proof of being correct. But there is a better and more important definition. Hope to see you Sunday....

All About Church News

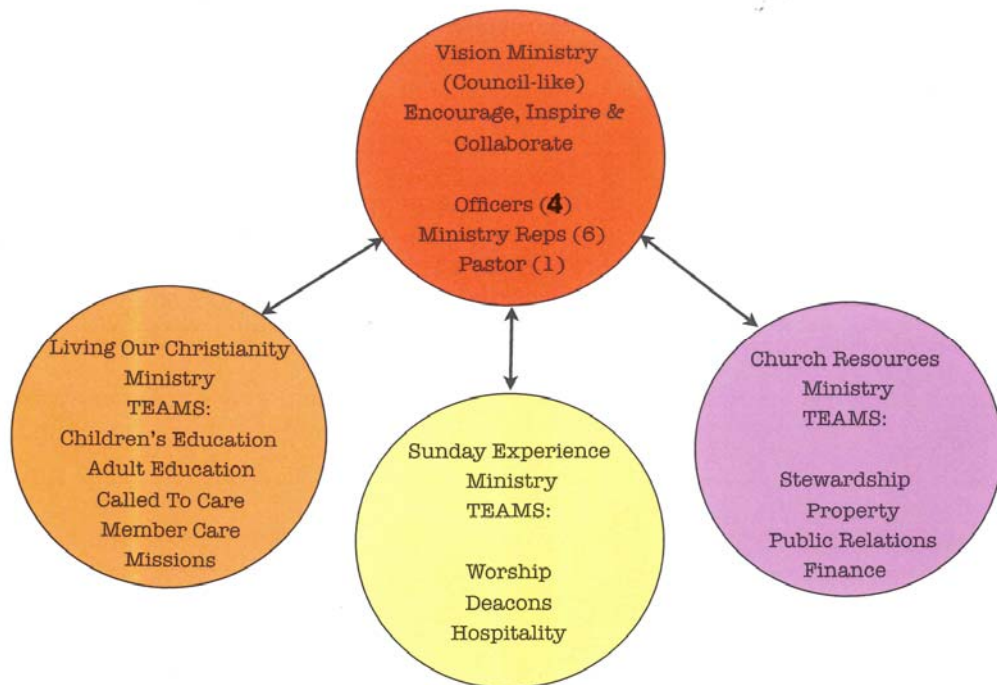
Opportunities for Leaders

Want to be a big fish in a small pond?

Want to use your leadership or enthusiasm talents for the good of our church?

Then -- please volunteer to lead a team or serve as a team member!

Pastor Tom or Moderator Sarah Hugus will be delighted to talk with you about existing openings.



Deacon News



A group of new Deacons will be authorized for the Diaconate Ministry on Sunday, February 19. Prior to this, there will be one more deacon orientation on February 12. If you are

interested in this ministry, please speak with Mary Jane Christman at (561) 392-9114 or Pastor Tom.

Team Leaders

Please remember to check your mailbox (in the Volunteer office) on a regular basis.



Annual Meeting February 19

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 19th at 11:15 a.m. Please mark your



calendars and make plans to attend this very important meeting. The agenda includes the announcement of this year's honoree of the Elizabeth Ehlers Faithful Servant Award, election of Team Leaders and Officers of our church, and voting on the 2012 annual church budget.

Stewardship Update

2012 Contribution Pledges to Date
We have received 59 pledges so far for a total of \$145,318. Last year's final figures were 77 pledges for a total of \$122,605.

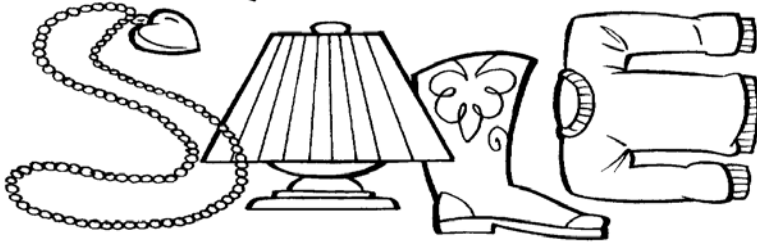
2012 Pledges are still being received.
Pledge cards are to be found in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Rosser room.

Announcements and Articles



If you would like to have an article in the Vantage, please submit your article or announcement by the 15th of every month. Items for the March Vantage are due by Feb. 15th. Sunday Bulletin announcements are due by Tuesday each week. Please email your articles, announcements and pictures for church events to office@churchofboca.org anytime before that date.

RUMMAGE



The annual rummage sale, held January 28, was a wonderful success. We raised a little over \$4,000 for the church! This would not have been possible without all the dedication and hard work of our volunteers.

It took a week to set up and organize all of the items donated for the sale. Within minutes of opening on Saturday, the crowds had grabbed up bargains and were happily emptying the fellowship hall of all the treasures available.

THANK YOU -- Volunteer Workers!

Phyllis Fuller
Newt Fuller
Mary Rivollier
Lee Rivollier
Doris Harnist
Charlotte Codo
Helen Goldberg
Jack Goldberg
Gail Donovan
Barry Donovan
Rose Breakell
Larry Breakell
Grayce Esposito
Lorraine Folino
Mary Jane Christman
Alan Christman
Fred Test
Nancy Lockwood
Jerry Lockwood
Barbara Lacey
Larry Lacey
Roberta Stetson
Jack Stetson
Sabrina Seeds
Chris Seeds
Betsey Beasley
Valerie Ary
Jim Ary
Nancy Miller
John Miller
Phyllis Short
Elizabeth Ehlers
Cindy Byno
Richard Dixon
Carla Robb



Mary Rivollier and Phyllis Fuller, who once again took on the task of coordinating the sale.



The Saturday volunteers.
Thank you all!

We hope we included everyone who helped -- it was a great group effort!

All About Church Events

Prayer Fellowship

Friday Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study meets at 10:00 am in the Upper Room. Please come and join us; it is a wonderful time for fellowship and sharing our faith. We use the *Upper Room* daily devotional as our guide. For Lent, we will do a special study using *Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn, A Lenten Journey with Jesus*, by Thomas R. Steagald. This book is available online or at local bookstores. Please call John Bird at (561) 400-5604 if you have any questions.

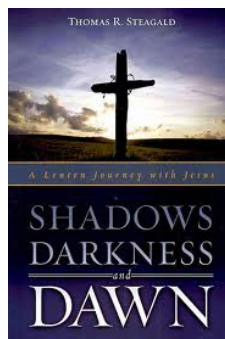


Photo Directory Coming SOON

Say "CHEESE!" Please make your appointment to be photographed at church for the 2012 Edition of our Congregational Church of Boca Raton Photo Directory!



1. Call the office and our church administrator, Sandi, will assist you, OR
2. Bring your calendar with you to worship on Sunday, and a volunteer will assist you, OR
3. Go online to make your own appointment at: www.churchofboca.org and click on "PHOTO LINK."

Dates are:

- February 23, 2 pm - 8 pm;
- February 24, 2 pm - 8 pm; and
- February 25, 10 am - 5 pm

More details --

Gather your family together! Tell your friends! Encourage others at church to participate! More photos taken equals more FREE stuff for our church. Friends, neighbors, anyone may have their photo taken during our scheduled days. They do not have to appear in our directory.

The photos you may choose to buy do NOT mean more free stuff. Each appointment will receive one FREE 8 x 20 professional photo to keep, and options to buy more will be offered. Allow one hour for the process.

If you would like to help out with this event, talk with Sarah Hugus, Audrey Michele, or Sandi in the office.

We are also trying to update our records as part of the new directory. Please take a few minutes to complete the membership update form and return it to the church office so that we can start the new year off with up-to-date information. The forms can be found in the Rosser room, or in the January Vantage.

Boca Christians Eating Out



The B.C.E.O. meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation.

Please sign up in the Rosser Room if you are planning to join us so that we may reserve a table for the appropriate number of friends. Call the church office anytime before Thursday if you decide you would like to join us.

Adult Bible Study Groups Three Opportunities

Pastor Tom is leading an 8-week study group based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus J. Borg. The group meets at in the youth room on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**



Adult Study Groups

There is also a *Heart of Christianity* group on **Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.**

The evening adult study group continues **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm** in the home of Judy and Steve Kronenberg.

We would love to have you come out to any, or all, of these groups. If you would like more information, please call Pastor Tom at the church office. 561-395-9255.

Ash Wednesday February 22

Plan to attend one of the most ancient and meaningful services of Christianity. A chance to "clean the slate,"

receive God's forgiveness, and move ahead into a new and powerful life. Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 22nd.



Altar Flowers



The 2012 Altar Flower Chart is now on display! Celebrate a special date or remember someone in your life with an altar flower arrangement. For only \$53, you can have flowers

displayed on the altar Sunday morning and then take them home! This is an incredible value, thanks to our friends at New York Floral in Boca Raton. If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Tust at (561) 279-2428, or speak with Sandi in the office.

Tender Loving Care



Do you have a desire to lift a person's spirits? Or give a little love, care and attention to a shut-in person? If you can help, please contact Valerie Ary at (561) 395-3857.

Prayer Requests

Prayer Request forms can be found in the pews or on the table near the front door. We love to know your joys, concerns, and prayers. Please feel free to fill one out if you have a special prayer you would like the pastor to know about. Requests forms can be left in the prayer request box (located just outside the sanctuary in the Rosser room), in the collection plate, or handed to an usher.



Wisdom for All Ages

Member Brenda Johnson shared the following:

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy!
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games.
7. Read more books than you did in 2011.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or worry about things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't overdo. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
36. No matter how you feel . . . get up, dress up, and show up.
37. The best is yet to come.
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. our Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."
Isaiah 54:13

All About Our Children

Soup and Salad Luncheon *February 12*

All church members and friends are invited to a sumptuous buffet of homemade soups, salads, and desserts! Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Children who are 4 and under are free.



Please support our youth as they raise money for Tomorrow's Rainbow! Go to www.tomorrowsrainbow.com for more information about this wonderful organization. Meet "Boo," one of the Tomorrow's Rainbow miniature horses, who will be happy to have his picture taken with you!

Homemade soups, salads, and dessert donations are needed to make our luncheon a success! If you can help, please contact Tracy at (561) 716-3670 or Lori Swett at (561) 445-5070.



Tomorrow's Rainbow

In January, our middle school students, along with their parents, had the opportunity to participate in a day of service at Tomorrow's Rainbow. Tomorrow's Rainbow is a special place for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. By incorporating miniature horse interactions with therapeutic play areas and facilitated peer support, children are given the tools necessary to take their personal grief journey in a way that is meaningful to them. After successfully completing the orientation training, volunteers were able to groom and feed horses, clean stalls, and prepare the barn and surrounding areas for the upcoming work week.



Fun, Fellowship, and Bowling! *February 5*



Whether you're the King Pin of Strikes, or the Gutter Ball Champ, join us after church on Sunday, February 5th for a fun-filled afternoon of bowling. We will be at Strikes of Boca, located at 21046 Commercial Trail in Boca

Raton (near the Town Center Mall), from noon until 2:00 p.m. For just \$10.00 per bowler, you will enjoy two hours of bowling, shoe rental, one pizza per lane, and a pitcher of soda. Sign up in the Rosser room, or contact Tracy Martin at (561) 716-3670 for more information.

Nursery Care Teachers Needed

The littlest children need a nursery attendant. If you are able to volunteer your time to take care of our infants to two-year-olds, please contact Tracy Martin at (561) 716-3670.

MS/HS Youth News

On Friday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. all families are invited to the Suncover Amphitheater in Boca Raton to come watch *Omega and Alpha*. Please contact Teresa Van Eps at floridaohana@comcast.net.



On Sunday February 5 and 12, we will be watching the movie, *A Walk to Remember*.

The weekend of March 2-4 is the 25th Annual Peace River Canoe trip. Registration forms can be found in the Rosser room, or contact Teresa Van Eps for more information

Mark your calendars for Sunday March 11. All MS/HS Youth are encouraged to attend this service to enjoy the Christian Rock of Jennie Wilson.

Teaching/Acolyte Schedule

February 5	Nursery:	Sarah Hugus
	Preschool:	Juliet Heynen
	K-2:	Marit Lacey
	3-5:	Nest Jones
February 12	Middle:	Teresa Van Eps
	Nursery:	Betsy Beasley
	Preschool:	HELP NEEDED
	K-2:	Carla Borchers
February 19	3-5:	Tony Borchers
	Middle:	Tracy/Gary Martin
	Acolyte:	Chloe Borchers
	Nursery:	HELP NEEDED
	Preschool:	Katherine Ramos
	K-2:	Marit Lacey
February 19	3-5:	Patti Jourdin
	Middle:	Tracy/Gary Martin

Easter Egg Hunt *April 8*

It's time for our annual Easter egg hunt! Please bring your own basket to collect eggs, and join us Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the south lawn. Three hunts will be offered for various age groups. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m.



Annual Butterfly Release *April 8*



Our annual Easter butterfly release will take place at the butterfly garden immediately following worship on Easter Sunday. Reserve your Easter butterfly. Look for the "Butterfly Board" beginning March 4. For a \$3.00 fee, you will receive a beautiful Painted Lady butterfly on Easter morning. Contact Tracy at (561) 716-3670 or garymartin@yahoo.com for more details.

All About Women's Fellowship

Valentine Tea Luncheon *February 8*

The Women's Fellowship will hold their Valentine Luncheon on Feb. 8th. Officers will meet at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to the tea luncheon at 12:00 noon. Anita Miller will be the guest speaker and will give a history of textiles. A special Tea luncheon will be available for \$6.00. Please sign up in the Rosser room.



Thank you!



We appreciate those who help with the Sunday refreshments, and welcome new faces to help. The Women's Fellowship would like to thank the generous donor for their gift which will be used to defray the costs of the refreshments.

Women's Fellowship Fashion Show

Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors to our annual Women's Fellowship Fashion Show on Saturday, March 17 at 12:00 noon.



The show is presented by Denise's Clothes Corners. Tickets \$15.00, which includes a light lunch, dessert and coffee. Tickets will be on sale at our February

Out to Lunch with the Girls *April 11*

In April we will be holding our luncheon at Morikami Park. Admission to the park is \$12.00, which does not include lunch. The lunch pavilion at the park serves Pan-Asian dishes to suit everyone and lunch can be purchased for around \$12.00 (or less). The gardens are wheelchair accessible and there are benches throughout the park for those who want to sit and enjoy the views. Please sign up as soon as possible for this event. If you need a ride, please let us know.

85th Annual Conference
of the Florida UCC Women
March 9-11
International Palms Resort
and Conference Center
Cocoa Beach
Theme: "Re: Generations"

Workshops:

- Can you text God?
- Community Gardening
- Picture Jesus—guided meditations for women
- Social Networking
- Bad Women of the Bible
- drum circle



Registration forms and more information are in the Rosser room. Registration deadline is February 24th. Costs are \$30 for one day and up; special room rates are available.



He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. —Job 8:21

Member Audrey Michele, a certified laughter leader with World Laughter Tour, explained why Laughter is Serious Business at the January Women's Fellowship Luncheon. A joyous time was had by all who attended!

Red Quinoa with Butternut Squash, Toasted Pecans & Cranberries

By It's All Connected Natural Health & Living

Quinoa (keen-wa) is one of my favorite foods to introduce to people who have never tried it. Due to its extremely high protein content (8 gms per cooked cup) and gluten free status, it is a favorite of vegetarians, vegans, athletes, anyone seeking weight loss, those with gluten intolerance, Crohn's Disease or colitis. It's even recommended as an ideal food for children with autism or ADD. In addition to being a nutritional powerhouse, it has a delightful nutty flavor and great texture. It is often referred to as a grain, yet it is actually a seed. It adapts as beautifully to breakfast as it does dinner. Here is one of my favorite ways to prepare red quinoa this time of year.



Recipes
FROM OUR
Church
Members

1 cup red quinoa, cooked as you would rice in 2 cups water. If you like it softer, add an additional 1/4 cup water.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

In a roasting pan, toss together, mixing well:

1 small butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced in 1/2 inch cubes

2 cups dried cranberries

1 large red onion, diced fine

1 clove of garlic, minced

Drizzle vegetables lightly with olive oil to coat.

Drizzle with 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup (not too much).

Sprinkle with sea salt.

Roast in the top half of oven until the squash is tender about 15 o 20 minutes.

Remove the pan and set aside.

In a large dry skillet, add: 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Heat the skillet and lightly toast the pecans briefly, till fragrant or use maple glazed pecans— no toasting necessary.

In large bowl add the cooked quinoa, butternut mixture and nuts.

Combine with 2 tablespoons chopped parsley and 2 teaspoons garam masala.

Add salt & pepper to taste.

Drizzle the quinoa mixture with some fruity extra virgin olive oil and toss to coat. Taste test and adjust seasonings. Drizzle with dark cherry balsamic vinegar (I use Lucini) to taste.

Makes 10–12 servings.

Serving suggestions: serve over a bed of local greens and top with crumbled chevre. Also very nice with poached shredded chicken mixed in.

(This recipe was shared by Roberta Stetson, after many requests were made for it.)

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts!

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers!

And the best place to be is in God's hands!

All About Music

"Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets."

1 Chronicles 13:8 (NKJV)



We read and hear about all the time, countless bible verses urging us to praise God with music. Biblical people certainly used their voices and instruments as a major form of celebration and worship. Today, how many of us actually follow through with God's request? Are there also words that say, "Sing to God only if you possess a beautiful voice and have musical training."? NO!!! God does not hear the quality of your voice; he hears the music in your heart.

Our chancel choir is made up of people who use their voices in praise of our Lord. Yes, some of them have had musical training, but many of them have not! If you can match a certain pitch, you can SING! God may be calling you in the direction of music. Make sure you listen, and you just might find an outlet for worship you never thought about before.

If God is calling you to musical worship, but you know singing just isn't going to be your thing, we began our bell choir worship in mid-January. As with singing, there is no musical training necessary! If you can pick up a bell, you CAN play a bell.

Bell choir rehearsals are held at the church every Wednesday at 6:15pm and choir practice is at 7:15pm. Feel free to drop in at a rehearsal and see if it's something you would enjoy. Our choir members have a great time, and we'd love you have you join the fun.

Musically yours,
Lindsey

Katarina Returns To Us *February 26*



On February 26, Katarina Franjic-Emilcar will join us once again for worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us as Katarina treats us to classical piano music.



Patti and Frank Sanzone performed with vocals and banjo music during worship on January 29th. We thank them both for sharing their talent with us.



Scott,



Alexandra,



Barbara,

Venus Rising

Thunderous applause and cheers erupted in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 15, when Venus Rising performed! They drummed and danced additional numbers for our enjoyment during a special and delicious potluck luncheon. Quite a few worshipers got up and attempted parts of their dance, and others learned a "call and response" song to sing along. Audrey Michele and Chris Seeds stole the show! About 60 people, standing room only, were very glad they had stayed to hear and see more of their talents. Thank you, Venus Rising. Go to www.venusrising.net for more information about this group. This performance was made possible by the Erma Vance Visiting Musicians Fund.



All About Meet our Members

This is the first of a series of "Meet our Member" interviews. We thought it would be nice to talk with some of the people who attend our church. If there is someone you would like to have interviewed, or if you are willing to be interviewed for the newsletter, please call Sandi in the church office. (561) 395-9255.

Anita and Arnold "Arnie" Miller

Q: *In true Florida fashion we have to start off with, Where are you from?*

Arnie: Born in Detroit, lived in St. Petersburg, Ann Arbor where I met Anita, Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Chicago, Stockholm, Paris, Wilton (CT), and Boca Raton.

Anita: Born in Detroit, met Arnie at U of M in Ann Arbor, and from that point on we've lived in all the same places.

Q: *What do you do for a living?*

Arnie: Retired first from IBM World Trade, Europe, Mid-East, Africa Corporation and then from Hanley-Hazelden in West Palm Beach as Public Relations Director.

Anita: I am a hand weaver, which began as a hobby in 1965, which grew into a nationally known rug and tapestry studio and business. Even shared a retail shop with June Havoc for several years.

Q: *What do you do for fun?*

Arnie: Harass my wife. Watch TV with my dog.

Q: *What movie (current or classic) would you recommend as a must-see?*

Anita: "The Artist" – best movie in years!

Q: *What was the best book you ever read?*

Arnie: All of Sherlock Homes writings by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I earned a certificate of Holmesian Studies from the Franco-Midland Hardware Company!

Q: *When you brag about your family, what do you say?*

Anita: To borrow Garrison Keiler's line from Lake Wobegon, In our family "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average."

Q: *If you could spend time with anyone in the world, living or dead, who would you choose? Why?*

Arnie: Anita, just because.

Anita: Arnie, because he has a wonderful sense of humor. (And can you believe he picked me for his response to this question?)

Q: *Is there anything interesting or special about yourself that you're willing to share?*

Arnie: I have been active in the UCC for 30 years and received the Peter L. Cheney award for ministry and services by a outstanding layperson in the Florida Conference. I served locally as Moderator of the BRCC for 7 years, and as Moderator and Trustee Chair at Church of the Palms. I Presided as UCC Florida Conference President in Orlando and was a member of the Church, Life, and Leadership Committee on the National UCC Board in Cleveland.

Q: *Do you know a really good joke? Tell it to us, please.*

Anita: Not really a joke, but a fact! "Inside every older person, there's a younger person wondering what happened." (Quote from Ashleigh Brilliant.)



Anita Miller, at the 2011 Thanksgiving Festival. Unfortunately, we did not get a picture of Arnie.



February 2012 Calendar of Events

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	Jan. 30	Jan. 31 2:00 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm A.A.	1 6:15 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. 7:00pm AA	3 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study 7:00 pm Youth at Sunset Cove Amphitheater	4
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21	13 10:00 am Worship Service Children's Choir & Youth Choir Boca Bells Church School 10:15 am MS/HS Youth—movie 11:00 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Soup & Salad Fundraiser Luncheon	14 2:00 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm A.A.	15 6:15 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. 7:00pm AA	17 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study	18
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3	20 7:00 pm Vision Ministry Presidents' Day	21 2:00 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm A.A.	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Service at Noon 6:15 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm	23 2-8 pm Directory Pictures 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. 7:00pm	24 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study 2-8 pm Directory Pictures	25 10 am-5 pm Directory Pictures
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14	26 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service Guest Musician—Katarina Church School 10:15 am Fellowship Time					
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- 2 Laura Huntington
- 3 Betsy Beasley
- Nicholas Wurster
- 4 Edna Zola
- 13 Jonathon Westerfield
- 16 Phyllis Fuller
- Joan Longo
- Erica Ortiz
- 18 Jamie Ehlers
- 20 Liliana Lamas
- 21 Henry Adkins
- 28 Gary Martin
- 3 Mayra & Michael Filmer
- 13 Alena & Bradley Hawkins
- 14 Janet & John Milshaw
- 28 Sandra & Dan Price

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Dan Morrison

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Teresa Van Eps