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## The View From Here

by Pastor Pam

One of my great joys this Spring has been having the privilege of an up close and unobstructed view of a robin's nest just outside my front door. Carefully built twig by twig atop one of the outdoor lights and within easy viewing distance through a window, the nest soon became a cozy home to three baby robins who, in their featherless state, looked more like aliens in the beginning than birds. Had I been the one to build the nest, I would have chosen a better place...like a tree or a bush so that when the nest became a little too crowded for three young'uns, there would have at least been a branch nearby on which to step out onto. As it was, one of the robins on his final day in the nest sought a perch on my windowsill just to get some breathing room before finally venturing off into the world on his own. Maybe mama didn't want her children to get too attached to the nest and chose a spot that would compel them to leave as early as possible.

In any case, having the nest just on the other side of my window gave me a rare opportunity to watch three utterly dependent robins wait longingly each day with gaping and upturned mouths for the return of their mother with food hanging limply from her beak. With hunger in their bellies, they waited eagerly for the nourishment that only she could provide. As I watched them, I remembered a Haitian prayer, tucked away in the closet of my memory from a college semester spent in that impoverished nation. I went to my shelves and scanned the titles, looking for

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the small book of prayers that I had brought home with me so many years ago. Would I still have it after all these years? Yes, there it was! I pulled it from the shelf and opened it, flipping the pages, looking for the words that I vaguely remembered. And then I found them.

*"Father, we are all hungry baby birds this morning. Our heart-mouths are gaping wide, waiting for you to fill us."*

Such simple words. Such childlike faith, spoken by someone who understands his own neediness. It's a prayer I can envision praying at the start of Sunday morning worship.

*"Father, I am hungry for spiritual food. My heart is open to you to receive what you have to give me today."* It's a prayer I can envision praying, not just before Sunday worship, but any time I quiet myself before the Lord, any time I sit with his word in my hands, any time I sit down to pray. *"Father, I am hungry. My heart is open."*

The mother robin outside my window attended to her young with such devotion, bringing to them each day exactly what they needed for the day. Our heavenly father is no less attentive to his children. He knows the number of hairs on our heads. He knows what we need for our bodies and he knows what we need for our souls. Like baby robins who wait eagerly for the nourishment they require, let us also look eagerly to our heavenly Father who graciously and cheerfully gives to his children the food they need.

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## ***Greeters***

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<i>June 7</i>	<i>Carol Bequette &amp; Ruth Chaput</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Paul &amp; Doris Pratt</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Larry &amp; Pam Buck</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<i>Allen &amp; Donna Williams</i>
<i>July 5</i>	<i>John &amp; Carol Ruth</i>

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## ***Liturgists***

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<i>June 7</i>	<i>Terry Mason</i>
<i>June 14 &amp; 21</i>	<i>Jerry Bequette</i>
<i>June 28 &amp; July 5</i>	<i>George Mason</i>

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## ***Lawn Mowing***

<i>June 7</i>	<i>Kyle Marshall</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Michael Witte</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Larry Buck</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<i>George Mason</i>
<i>July 5</i>	<i>John Norbeck</i>



## **PASTOR'S VACATION**

United Methodist Pastors are awarded 31 days of vacation, including four Sundays, each year between July 1 and June 30. Since her vacation year is about to expire, Pastor Pam will be using up some of her vacation, taking Monday, June 8 through Saturday, June 13. She will be in church for Sunday worship on June 14. She has chosen not to use half of her vacation this year because of her participation in the Academy for Spiritual Formation.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS ALL GRADUATES!**

This year, we have students connected with our congregation who are graduating from junior high, high school and college. Congratulations are extended to the following students:

### *From Junior High*

Mattie Douglas, granddaughter of Ralph and Sis Bann  
Jonathan Witte, son of Mike and Joan Witte

### *From High School*

Chelsea Lehr, daughter of Steve and Brenda Lehr

### *From Oklahoma State University*

Joseph Brancheck, son of Joe and Hyon Brancheck

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## **UMW**

Fall Rummage/Bake Sale date is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next UMW meeting is August 18, 2009.

New table cloths have been ordered for the Fellowship Hall (basement).

We are collecting Box Tops for Education for the Cunningham Children's Home. We are also collecting Campbell product UPCs for the RedBird Mission in Kentucky.



## Calendar & Events

### June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

June 2	7:00 pm Trustees
June 3	NO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 3-6	Pastor at Annual Conference in Peoria
June 7	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
June 8-13	Pastor on Vacation
June 13	6:30-10:00 am Youth Pancake Breakfast
June 14	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
June 15	6:00 pm UMM
June 21	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
June 22-26	Vacation Bible School
June 28	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
June 30	7:00 pm Worship Committee

### June Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Berberich
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Allen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jarrod Jackson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Thaler
7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Moore
10 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Marshall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Madalyn Douglass
15 <sup>th</sup>	Roland Dagit
18 <sup>th</sup>	Fina Marshall
27 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Lehr
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Williams
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Witte

### June Anniversaries

6 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Kay Jackson
12 <sup>th</sup>	George & Terry Mason
22 <sup>nd</sup>	James Jr. & Cherie Hill

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