



# NBUMC NEWSLETTER

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## The View From Here

by Pastor Pam

Many years ago, probably too many to count, I stumbled upon a poem by a long dead English pastor by the name of George Herbert. It was just the thing I needed at the time. God has a way of sending people into our lives at just the right moment, whether they are dead or alive. I've indicated before that there aren't many poems that resonate with me. But when they do, I tend to remember them. You'll find the spelling idiosyncratic. Herbert died in 1633. But don't let that or the spelling frighten you. If you read it with any degree of care, the message will come through.

### Love

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew  
back,  
Guilty of dust and sinne.  
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow  
slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah my deare,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

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Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my  
shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the  
blame?  
My deare, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my  
meat:  
So I did sit and eat.



# Rent - a - Youth



Spring is here! Time to weed out the garden, clean out the attic, and mow the lawn.

Need help?

**Rent - a - Youth!**

If you need assistance, the New Baden UMC Youth Group would be more than willing to help! For a reasonable donation to the youth fund, you can rent a small team of youth to assist or help out around the house.

We can: babysit, mow lawns, clean houses, weed the garden, walk the dog, or almost anything else!

For more information or to **Rent- a - Youth** Allen Williams at 588-3092.

## Piano Recital

Joan Witte will be hosting a recital of her piano students at the church on Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. Fourteen students, from beginning through intermediate level, will be performing. All are welcome to attend.

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## UMM Evening Meetings for Summer

The UMM invite all men of the church to meet at 6 pm on the third Monday of each month during the summer. The tentative summer meeting schedule is May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, and September 21. The May meeting will be held in the church basement. Call Larry Buck for more information.

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## National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 7, 2009 there will be a gathering of anyone who wishes to participate in the National Day of Prayer. We will meet at 8:30 A.M. in the church parking lot to pray for our country, elected officials, injustice, or anything else that concerns you. Please join us, the Bible Babes prayer group.

Terry Mason

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## Thank You's from Carol Bequette

"Thank you" to the Worship Committee for a beautiful Good Friday Service. I hope they will repeat it next year, so you can enjoy it too if you missed it in 2009!

"Thank you" to everyone who helped in any way with the Rummage/Bake Sale held on April 3 & 4. The total amount of sales was \$1,556.30 of which 10% was given to the special needs fund. UMW have given \$1,200.00 to the Trustees to help pay for stained glass window repair in our sanctuary.

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## ***Greeters***

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<i>May 3</i>	<i>John &amp; Carol Ruth</i>
<i>May 10</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Pat Lewis</i>
<i>May 17</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Brenda Lehr</i>
<i>May 24</i>	<i>Don &amp; Lavada Knight</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>Laurel Peterson &amp; Chelsea Lehr</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Carol Bequette &amp; Ruth Chaput</i>

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## ***Liturgists***

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<i>May 3 &amp; 10</i>	<i>Allen Williams</i>
<i>May 17 &amp; 24</i>	<i>Joe Jackson</i>
<i>May 31 &amp; June 7</i>	<i>Terry Mason</i>

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## ***Lawn Mowing***

<i>May (all)</i>	<i>Joe Brancheck</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Kyle Marshall</i>



## **Church Picnic and Worship in the Park**



Make plans to attend our annual church picnic on Sun., May 31, at the New Baden Park. We will begin with a worship service at the south pavilion at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a potluck meal and time for recreation.

Our worship service will feature the music of Harbinger, a vocal trio from St. Louis. Since its inception in October 2003, when the Spirit's prompting led them to this calling, Harbinger has performed all over the Greater St. Louis area. The eclectic mix of their musical tastes and gifts has produced a tight, 3-part blend similar to the music of The Martins, FFH and Point of Grace. It's all sung with hearts of praise for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the formation of Harbinger and the focus of their work. The spreading of the Gospel is Harbinger's assignment as followers of Christ, and singing about His offer of salvation to anyone who will listen is their honor and their joy. A love offering will be collected for Harbinger along with our regular offering that day.

Dress for the service is casual (shorts or jeans and t-shirts). Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share for the potluck. Drinks will be provided. In the event of rain, the service and picnic will be at the church.

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## **Summer Music**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the vocal or chime choir during the past year. You have blessed us as you have shared the talents God has given you.

Both of our choirs will be taking off for the summer at the end of May, and we will be having soloists or small ensembles provide special music through the end of August. If you would like to sing or play an instrument for summer services, either by yourself or with someone else, please see Joan Witte to sign up. All ages and ability levels are welcome and encouraged to participate.

## Calendar &amp; Events

## May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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May 3	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
May 4-9	Pastor @ Academy for Spiritual Formation
May 6	7:00 pm Finance
May 7	7:00 pm Choir Practice
May 10	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
May 12	7:00 pm Administrative Council
May 13	7:15 pm An Ordinary Day w/ Jesus Parsonage
May 14	7:00 pm Choir Practice
May 16	6:30-10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
May 17	8:00 am Praise Team 1:30-5:00 pm Student Piano Recital 7:00 pm Youth Group
May 18	6:00 pm UMM
May 19	7:00 pm UMW
May 21	7:00 pm Choir Practice
May 24	8:00 am Praise Team 7:00 pm Youth Group
May 26	7:00 pm Worship Committee
May 28	7:00 pm Choir Practice
May 31	10:00 am Church Picnic/Worship at Village Park w/ Harbinger musical group

May Birthdays

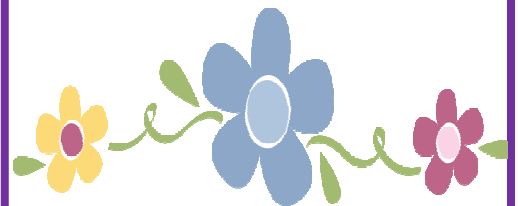
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacquilynn Brancheck
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Lehr
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ceara Hill
13 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Pratt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Mealy
19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Davis
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pamela Berberich
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brenda Lehr
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jonita Thornbrugh
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Franklin
26 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Pratt
31 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Friese

May Anniversaries

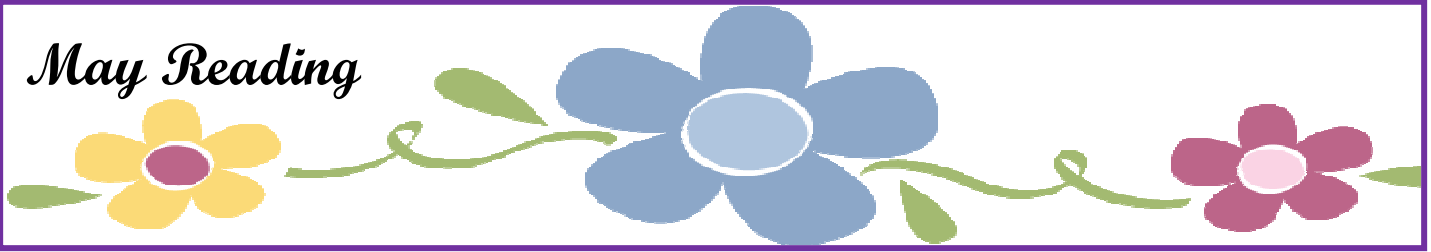
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh & Lisa Gunn
14 <sup>th</sup>	Dale & Dawn Fischer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Hyon Brancheck
20 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew & Phyllis Honious

**Vacation Bible School**

Our Vacation Bible School, "Sonrock Kid's Camp" is set for June 22-26. VBS set up will take place two weeks prior to VBS week, as some of the people involved will be out of town the week before.



## May Reading



### IRAQ - VERY INTERESTING -DID YOU KNOW?

1. The garden of Eden was in Iraq.
2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
6. Issac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq.
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh, which is in Iraq.
9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribe of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
13. The three Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq (Jesus has been in Iraq also as the fourth person in the fiery furnace!)
14. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.
15. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.
16. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
17. The wise men were from Iraq.
18. Peter preached in Iraq.
19. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon, which was a city in Iraq!

And you have probably seen this one. Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. But do you know which nation is second? It is Iraq! However, that is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia.

The word Mesopotamia means between the two rivers, more exactly between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The name Iraq means country with deep roots. Indeed Iraq is a country with deep roots and is a very significant country in the Bible. Here's why !

- Eden was in Iraq - Genesis 2:10-14
- Adam & Eve were created in Iraq - Genesis 2:7-8
- Satan made his first recorded appearance in Iraq - Genesis 3:1-6
- Nimrod established Babylon & The Tower of Babel was built in Iraq - Genesis 10:8-97; 11:1-4
- The confusion of the languages took place in Iraq - Genesis 11:5-11
- Abraham came from a city in Iraq - Genesis 11:31; Acts 7:2-4
- Isaac's bride came from Iraq - Genesis 24:3-4; 10
- Jacob spent 20 years in Iraq - Genesis 27:42-45; 31:38
- The first world Empire was in Iraq - Daniel 1:1-2; 2:36-38
- The greatest revival in history was in a city in Iraq - Jonah 3
- The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq - Esther
- The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq - Nahum
- The book of Revelation has prophecies against Babylon (Iraq's former name) - Revelation 17 & 18

No other nation, except Israel, has more history and prophecy associated in it than Iraq. And also...

This is something to think about! Since America is typically represented by an eagle. Saddam should have read up on his Muslim passages. The following verse is from the Koran (the Islamic Bible). Koran 9:11 - For it is written that a son of Arabia would awaken a fearsome Eagle. The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace. (Note the verse number!) HmMMMM?! Submitted by Rev. L.C. Pruehner

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Pancake Breakfast!!!  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
See you there!!!



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