
Pastor Ginny's family retreat in the mountains

For those of you that missed the slide show of Ginny's mountain holiday last week with her family, here are some pic for you to look at. For those who saw it, have another look and ponder over what Ginny said during the sermon.



View of the mountains from the porch



The whole family ready to climb the mountain



Success! The mountain conquered by all

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS: Keeping Sabbath

*Last Sunday I shared some images and thoughts about our family trip to the mountains. I wanted to remind all of us to make time in our lives for reflection and prayer. Scripture says: **Remember the sabbath to keep it holy.***

Originally the sabbath was Saturday, as observed by our Jewish brothers and sisters. In our Christian tradition it is observed on Sunday, the first day of the week. But sabbath also refers to a rhythm of time we claim and hold for God. All of us should be "keeping sabbath" for rest, restoration, and for perspective: helping us remember who we are, and whose we are (we belong to God!).

There's something for us to think about! Ginny

PASTOR GINNY ELLIS is gone again, this time to Upper Peninsula, Michigan (the Keweenaw), tracking some family roots. She will be back on Wednesday and will be here next Sunday.

GUEST PREACHER - Rev. Amy Santamaria is a Presbyterian pastor, Chaplain at Tampa General Hospital. Amy and her husband Miguel (chaplain supervisor at Morton Plant) live in Clearwater and have three children. Elizabeth (8), Sam and Jake (6-yr-old twins). We welcome Rev. Amy Santamaria.

"Far better it is for you to say: "I am a sinner," than to say: "I have no need of religion." The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God."

— **Fulton J. Sheen, Seven Words of Jesus and Mary: Lessons from Cana and Calvary**

Mountain holiday pics cont.



The children that made the climb



Relaxing on the porch after a hard climb up the mountain

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WELCOME BACK to Merilee Magnuson! It's good to have you here at the piano and organ!

A ROLLING PIN is still in the church kitchen after Vacation Church School. If it is yours we know you want to reclaim it to make pies!

REACHING OUT – Helen Porter's sister is back now from Helen's funeral services in Pennsylvania. If you would like to send a note or card, her address is: Betty Steiner, 2331 Belleair Rd. # 701, Clearwater, FL 33764.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for August 26 after worship, for the election of deacons. The Session will hold its August meeting on that day as well.

SERMON SERIES TO BEGIN: Pastor Ginny will begin a sermon series ("The Bible Teaches Us") next Sunday (8/5). In August the topics will come from Genesis. In September the topics will come from Exodus. Then for October and early November the sermons will come from the "I AM" sayings in the gospel of John. You might like to read these Biblical books to prepare for these sermons!

MEN OF HOPE

A warm welcome is extended to all Hope men and young adults to join them at their next breakfast meeting on the 11th August at 9:00 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BOARD MEETING

There will be a PW Board Meeting in room 5, after the service this Sunday

COMEDY QUARTET

On Sunday August 12th a comedy quartet will perform after lunch in Hambley Hall. Tickets are \$5 for 2 people including lunch. Do come and have a good laugh.



CLOTHES TO KIDS

Thank you for your donations to Clothes for Kids. Four bags of Gently Used Clothing and new socks and undies were taken to Clothes To Kids last week. School starts next month August and there are many children who will appreciate the chance to receive a weeks worth of clothes for school.