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We are an inviting, welcoming, growing Christian community, worshipping God in the Disciples tradition since 1949, where you are a stranger but once.

MEMORIAL DAY 2010

It's hard to imagine that World War II started 69 years ago and four years later it ended with untold numbers of military and civilian deaths along with many millions of humans maimed and handicapped for life. The 20th century was littered with wars all tragic and like so many centuries prior the death toll absolutely mind boggling.

I find it difficult to give any war real perspective and cannot at times come up with meaningful thoughts to support why wars are waged. We've seen major conflicts reduced to phrases such as "police action," "six day wars," and so on. To any parent who lost a child in any war there's little comfort to be given, their loved one whom they gave birth to and raised is gone. Look to the veteran of today who in many cases fought for his country and others He or she often cannot talk about the horrible events they were a part of in another time and place. Mentally salute them, verbally thank them, recognize their courage, know that many witnessed the unspeakable, and in your heart find a place for them. Above all lift the veteran up in your prayers. This Memorial Day take the time to reflect what veterans represent, you don't have to know them...simply and silently whisper a prayer of gratitude and love.

Roger Pett

Ponderings from the Pastor

I recently saw a television special on Roger Clemente. If you may remember, he was a baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is remembered largely by the baseball world as a MVP, a rookie of the year, 3000 hits, World Series champ and a humanitarian. A yearly award is given in his name and voting for the recipient for this award is taking place now. What struck me as I watched this special was his statement of faith. After hitting his 3000 baseball, he said all glory and honor belonged to God. He was just the one who hit the ball. When his team won the World Series, he said that all praise needed to go to God. He was lucky to play for God's team. It all culminated on that fateful New Year Eve. He told his family that God told him that he needed to go to Nicaragua after the Christmas devastation and he bought a plane ticket. He also told his son he had a vision that he would die in a plane accident before baseball season would return. He never made it to that devastated area of the world because his plane crashed. To me, he represented a person that performed good works because God had first given him grace and called him to be his child. He performed good works out of faith, not recognition or publicity. He daily demonstrated his faith. **If you have a chance, please read

James 2:14-26**

**In Christ,
Pastor Rob**

Elders Serving In May

May 2 & 9– Rev. Donna Kremer and
Jeff Johnson

May 16 & 23– Warren Taylor and
Rev. Dr. Jerry Gladson

May 30– Lola Bethel & Joe Kern

Greeters In May

May 2 & 9– Ardis Taylor and
Nancy Mason

May 16 & 23– Al and Sondra Rowe

May 30– Joanne Carswell and
Tommy Russell

****All Church Celebration ****

On May 23, 2010

Sunday School combined at 2:00 PM

Service to begin at 3:00 PM

All church picnic approx. 4:30 PM

A day to celebrate the birthday of the church
and inviting of the Holy Spirit in the church.
This is a day to celebrate and worship together
and to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives.

A Word From Our Food Pantry

Annual Fund-raising Congratulations!

Without much fanfare, the Disciples Mission Food Pantry raised approximately \$12,031.11 in qualifying donations during our annual fund-raising period of March and April. This is the time period when we get a portion of all donations matched dollar for dollar by the Feinstein Foundation. This included both monetary as well as actual food product donations, but, of course, the cash and checks helps us more. Thanks to all who contributed.

The Postal Food Drive arrives on May 8th, the day before Mother's Day. In today's economy, we will need it to be more successful than ever. Talk it up with you mail delivery person, at the Post Office, in Publix, and so forth. Then plan to spend a few hours picking up food at the Sandy Plains Post Office, sorting the food, and/or storing the food on Saturday, May 8th. We should start about 12:30 or 1:00 pm and continue until 8:00 or 9:00 pm. Last year, we received approximately 15,000 pounds of food.

Also coming up on May 4th is the Cobb Faith Partnership annual Forum. This is the most successful event of the Cobb Faith Partnership which represents approximately 240 faith-based groups and others in Cobb County that provide various types of assistance to needy families. The Forum is an all-day event providing information, education, networking, and social interaction for CFP members and guests. This year's event is occurring on Tuesday, May 4th at St. James Church. This year's Forum is titled: "Boosting Your Revenue in a Tough Economy." Registration for walk-in is still open. Go to cobbfaithpartnership.org.

Woody

From Our Congregational Health Minister, Rev. Donna Kremer

Should men be tested for prostate cancer?

The American Cancer Society recently revised its guidelines for prostate cancer screening. The advocacy group is one of many organizations that make such recommendations. Some questions and answers:

Q: What's the advice?

A: The bottom line is the same: Routine screening isn't recommended for most men. Before any testing is done, doctors should discuss the pros and cons of screening and treatment. For the first time, the guidelines give "talking points" for that discussion.

Q. When should men have this talk?

A. Starting at age 50 for men at average risk; at 45 for those at higher risk, including African-Americans and men with a close relative with prostate cancer before 65; and at 40 for those with more relatives with prostate cancer before 65.

Q: What's wrong with screening for prostate cancer?

A: It's usually done with a blood test and a physical exam. Neither is perfect and there's little proof that early detection saves lives. The tests can lead to overdiagnosis and overtreatment of slow-growing tumors that might not have caused any problems.

The blood test measures a substance called prostate specific antigen, or PSA. It's made by normal and cancer cells in the prostate, a walnut-sized gland just below the bladder. But PSA levels can be high for many reasons, including a benign enlarged prostate or infections, and a biopsy is needed to confirm a tumor.

Even if cancer is found, there's no agreement on the best treatment approach -- "watchful waiting," surgery, hormone therapy or radiation. The treatments can lead to impotence and incontinence.

Q: What if my doctor doesn't have time to answer all my questions?

A: The cancer society is suggesting that doctors use "patient decision aids" -- brochures, videos and Web sites -- that explain the pros and cons of screening and help men make the right choice for them. For example, one cancer society brochure says to consider: If I choose to be treated, can I live with the side effects if they occur?

Q: OK, I've considered all the trade-offs. What if I want to be tested?

A: Screening should include a PSA blood test, the cancer society says. In a change to its guidelines, the group says a digital rectal exam is now optional rather than a standard part of any screening.

Q: It's all too confusing. What if I can't decide whether to get screened?

A: You can let your doctor decide, but the guidance for that has changed. Previously, the cancer society recommended that a doctor should screen an undecided patient. Now, the group leaves it up to the doctor, factoring in the patient's health and values.

Your Congregational Health Minister is available to answer your questions. For further information on the Net: <http://www.cancer.org/prostatemd>.

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Services

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship & Communion	11:00 a.m.
Youth Activities	12:30 p.m. Sundays
Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Spanish Bible Study	7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Church Office Hours	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. M-W
	10 a.m.– 2 p.m.-Sat.
	closed Thur. & Fri.
Website	www.fccmarietta.org
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You are invited to...

Worship

Sundays at 11:00 AM

**May 2– “Love One Another, Circumcised or Not”
Acts 11:1-18 & John 13:31-35**

May 9– “Peace I Leave With You” ; Acts 16:9-15 & John 14:23-29

May 16- “What Must I Do to be Saved?” Acts 16:16-34 & Rev. 22:12-14 & 16-17

**May 23– Pentecost Sunday
Combined Service**

Conversations

(A mid-week Bible study)
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

.May 5- “Changing Organizational Structure And Culture” Pastor Rob

May 12-”Managing Change” Pastor Rob

May 19– “Making Disciples” Pastor Rob

May 26- “A Missionary Congregation and the Apostolate of the Laity” Pastor Rob



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