



Dear Family in Christ,  
 Summer activities are in full swing. Many people have taken time from busy lives to come enjoy the simple beauty of the Island and renew the bonds of close relationships. This can include coming closer to our Source of Life Himself. As we drink in the wonderful peace and stillness of the Drummond landscape, we are uniquely positioned to hear that special whisper of Jesus calling.

Keeping you informed:

- **Church Picnic** July 9<sup>th</sup> after worship. Church supplies meat and drinks while you bring a dish to pass. This is a great time to invite a friend to church! *(No potluck on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to the Art and Craft Fair)*
- **MOVIE NIGHT!** Come experience the life-changing story of The Shack on Sat., July 22, 7 pm. Of course they'll be free popcorn and pop. *But wait, there's more... For those who wish to stay, there will be an open discussion following, with ice cream sundaes!*
- Mark your calendars for the **Island-wide Yard Sale** we put on every first Sat. in Aug. (8/5/17 this year). We begin accepting usable items (no clothes) on Monday, July 31, under the porch of the old entrance.
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised**. If you aren't sure that you are on the current one and you'd like to be listed, please let us know!

*"Be still and know that I am God", says the Psalmist (Ps. 46:10). This means finding that still place within you to quietly attend to the messages of love, encouragement, and truth that God presents to us as gifts each day. While experienced within the oasis of Drummond Island, it is portable. You can take this back into your home turf of demands and pressures and anxious whirlwinds. You can cultivate that inner stillness in the midst of the storm.*

*Shalom,*

*- Scott*



## MISSIONS

We are concluding our financial support for The Promise FM and for Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP. If you haven't gotten your baby bottles and/or World-changer containers turned in, please do so. Thank you all for your generous support! There will be a total amount collected on our website and on a Sunday morning in the near future.

For our third quarter missions focus, we are again collecting for local outreach (July – Sept.). We have helped families, individuals, and local organizations as God has lead. The mission is to simply share Jesus'

Good News, the love of God that heals and transforms the World. Please pick up your new "Local Outreach" World-changer container labels in the Church foyer.

## VACATIONING AT GOD'S RESORT

By Missey Butler

My favorite vacation was the one I took for myself. Honestly, I don't believe I had ever experienced the three R's - rest, refreshment, and relaxation, until I set out on this particular journey.

What made my trip so special was my visit to an island by the name of Grace. Perhaps you've heard of it? It's a remote location tucked far away from many inhabitants. The closest civilization is a rather notorious city by the name of Striving. Perhaps, you've visited there as well. (I personally don't care for all the clamor of the hectic pace). Every time I have gone there I would come home totally exhausted!



Soon after I arrived at Grace Island, I met up with a friendly tour guide whose name was Jehovah. He told me He was a local and could help me find my way around, just in case I should get lost.

Later on, I strolled along the shoreline and allowed the cool waves to splash around my bare feet. I wondered how I had allowed myself to become so busy doing good works. Somewhere along the line I had forgotten the one verse I learned as a baby Christian ... "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

I realized that my belief of earning my way to heaven was like the enthusiastic young man who received his plumber's license and was visiting Niagara Falls. Observing it for a moment, he very confidently said, "I think I can fix this!" How grandiose is that thinking? We begin to believe that somehow God needs our help and His grace is no longer needed.

I broke away from my thoughts for a moment and laid my straw mat on the sand. I decided to enjoy the breath-taking purple and orange of the setting sun. Both the scenery and the lazy rhythm of the tide transfixed me. I heard in my spirit an almost forgotten quote by Thomas Merton. "A saint is not someone who is good, rather someone who knows the goodness of God."

Immediately, I felt my very foundation undergoing a violent shaking. The first structures to fall were the steel beams of self-reliance! Soon, I found myself at ground level in the middle of a heap of sand. How could this have happened to me? My emotions were reeling back and forth from devastation to elation. Abruptly, I heard

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the voice of Jehovah. I looked up and saw His huge hand reach down to help me up out of the sand. I heard Him say, "Come, there are many more sights you have yet to see."

The sky had now darkened as He held up a lantern. I, somewhat childlike, began to trail behind Him. Instinctively, I knew I could trust my tour guide. After all, He spoke fluent Grace and all I had to do was to gain a command of the language, and follow His footprints in the sand.

As He moved ahead, I noticed He slowly looked back at me. His tanned face creased into a half smile. I got the impression that I was not the first sojourner to lose my way. He turned back around. I faintly heard Him speaking while the gentle sea breeze delivered His Words to my ears, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105 KJV

I knew at that moment that I, more than likely, would become a native of this beautiful place called Grace. Who knows - maybe one day I'll go to work for Jehovah as an assistant tour guide.

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Colliien Barko
- 3 Loren Deal
- 10 Dot Stacy
- 11 Chuck Barko
- 15 Viv Seaman
- 22 Julie MacGregor
- 29 Nancy Clark

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bruce & Julie MacGregor
- 31 Len & Carol Webber

*(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)*

## UPCOMING JULY ACTIVITIES

- 9 **Picnic!** Following worship. (No potluck on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to the Art and Craft Fair)
- 15 **MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 8:00 am**
- 16 **Leadership Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 22 **Movie Night!** The Shack @ 7 pm
- 31 Bring in usable **items for Yard Sale** and leave on old north porch

**Aug. 1 Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**

## PEARLS of WISDOM

Our true identity in Christ..... We are justified (declared not guilty of sin). Romans 3:24

- Ruth Wise

*JOIN US for*  
**FRIENDLY SMALL**  
**GROUP FELLOWSHIP:**



- **Tuesdays:**
  - **9:30 Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **God Heard Their Cry** video. Come experience the Exodus with us!
  - **11:15 Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
  - **11:30 Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **8 am**, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

*(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)*

**ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup> (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)**



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