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*THE SHINING LIGHT*

Mother's Day



Father's Day



# **“THE SHINING LIGHT”**

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## **CAMPING WITH GOD**

**By Alice Hyman**

(undated)

Camping with God, what do I mean? Have you ever spent a night under the stars? Did you look up into the sky and wonder who created this lovely night? As you camp along the water and listen to the sound of the waves hitting against the rocks or the shore, have you wondered who created this peaceful and quiet atmosphere? As you ride or walk along looking at the mountains, flowers or catching a glimpse of animals or insects working away, do you wonder who created all of this for us to see, hear and feel?

As you know, my family has done a lot of camping; and to think that God created all of this for our enjoyment! As we prepare to leave for any excursion, we are busy thinking about where to stop, food, sightseeing places, and of course, money to be spent. And, forget about all the sights and sounds around us. Before long, we settle in the car, and while riding along, we can relax and look around at the beauty that surrounds us. We see a beautiful flower bush coming out of a shear rock formation and find there is faith and hope in the world. This bush found it way out of a crack to reach out to the sun and sky. You and I can also find our way to reach out to God in whatever struggle we must endure.

As we watch a spider spin his web or an insect scurrying here and there, it reminds me of people who are busy running in different directions, never looking at the beauty or the concern for other people that surround us. Their concern is only for themselves. We are like the insect caught in the spider web.

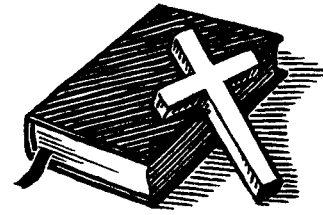
Sitting by a seashore and listening to the waves hitting a rock formation or just the beaches is such a peaceful feeling. A brook rambling over pebbles and rushing down through a glen. The birds chirping or the winds whistling through the trees. Even with the sound of laughter in the background you can find the quietness. We can discipline ourselves to listen for these messages from God through these sounds.

You can sit around a campfire and look off into the horizon to see the sunset. It is a beautiful sight. The stars are brighter set into a sky that is pitch black. It leave me in awesome wonder and speechless. I know how he felt when one of the astronauts called back to earth and read Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1, “In the beginning, God created heaven and Earth.”

While riding up and down the mountains, at one crest, I looked into the distance and spotted the highway which seemed to be gulped up by the mountains. You can get the same effect by standing and looking in the distance at the mountains. Life can seem like times like we are caught, and it's the end of the line. There are no crossroads to turn off in another direction. If only we could stop, talk and listen to God. God will show us the way out, and that path or highway does not end; it continues on.

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# SCRIPTURE READERS



**May 4, 2014 [White or Gold]** Karen DeSanto  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday**  
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

**May 11, 2014 [White or Gold]** Dawn Wood  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day, USA)**  
 Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

**May 18, 2014 [White or Gold]** Mary Adams  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)  
 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

**May 25, 2014 [White or Gold]** Bonnie Wood  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790)  
 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

**June 1, 2014 [White or Gold]** Pam Marsteiner  
**Ascension Sunday**  
 Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 (UMH 781)  
 Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53 or

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

**June 8, 2014 [Red]** Nancy Anderson  
**Day of Pentecost**  
 Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39

**June 15, 2014 [White]** Karen DeSanto  
**Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)**  
**Peace with Justice Sunday, Father's Day (USA)**  
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

**June 22, 2014 [Green]** Dawn Wood  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17 (UMH 749)  
 Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

**June 29, 2014 [Green]** Mary Adams  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13 (UMH 746)  
 Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

## Scripture Readers

July 6	Bonnie Wood
July 13	Pam Marsteiner
July 20	Nancy Anderson
July 27	Karen DeSanto
August 3	Dawn Wood
August 10	Mary Adams
August 17	Bonnie Wood
August 24	Pam Marsteiner
August 31	Nancy Anderson

## GREETERS

May- Sandy Henline and Nancy Anderson  
 June- Dave and Bev Dayton  
 July-Sandy Henline and Nancy Anderson  
 August -Dave and Bev Dayton

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

<u>May</u>	Karen DeSanto
<u>June</u>	Nancy Anderson
<u>July</u>	Dawn Wood
<u>August</u>	Pam Marsteiner

## PLEASE NOTE:

*If you are unable to greet,  
 read or serve communion,  
 please call Dawn 315-331-5621.*

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Psalm 25:4 (NIV)

## The PRAYER List

- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Liz Combs
- ◆ Karen DeSanto
- ◆ Henry Goellner
- ◆ Marilyn Schall
- ◆ Jessica (Bush) Thomas
- ◆ Graduates
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ All homeless people
- ◆ All Service Men and Women serving our country home or abroad
- ◆ All those affected by the severe weather in our country
- ◆ The leaders of our country
- ◆ All world leaders



From Upper New York Conference:

### UMCOR Responds to Storm Damage

In the wake of the tornadoes and flooding in the Midwest and South, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is at work helping to provide relief. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, UMCOR is able to respond immediately to requests for disaster relief, and has already sent financial aid to at least three of the affected areas.

UMCOR cleaning buckets and health kits will also be distributed as soon as it is safe to enter the disaster area. Those wishing to respond can do so most effectively by sending money to the UMCOR Advance Special #901670, USA Disaster Response and by continuing to put together kits to replace those being sent.

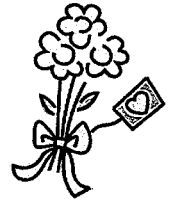
**Prayers for survivors and responders are always appropriate.**

**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### MAY

- 01 Howard Combs  
Nancy Mitchell
- 03 John & Dawn Wood (A)
- 04 Sharon Bade
- 05 Sean Moynihan
- 06 Robert Yost Jr
- 07 Nancy Hill
- 08 Bev Dayton  
Bill Schall
- 11 Dan Burgess
- 13 Brian Lannon
- 14 Jessica Bush Thomas
- 21 Elizabeth Combs
- 22 Deb VanDeMortel
- 23 Dawn Wood  
Ashley DeCook
- 27 Kayla Rayno  
Marilyn Schall



### JUNE

- 04 Rachael Chrysler
- 07 Greg Chrysler  
Deb & Mark VanDeMortel (A)
- 11 George Schwartz
- 12 Dale Hammond
- 14 Sadie Rothfuss
- 20 Rebecca Coast
- 22 John Wood, Sr.
- 27 Sierra Graham
- 28 Matthew Boechmann



(Please notify the Editor if a date is incorrect or we have overlooked your special day.)

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given unto you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (ESV)

## Administrative Council

### March 18, 2014 meeting

- Mary called the meeting to order and Pastor Patricia led us in prayer.
- Secretary's Report and Financial Reports were read and approved.
- Pastor's Report: Clyde UMC's Lenten Skit made the local newspaper. Pastor Patricia ordered palms for Palm Sunday.
- Mary also ordered palms from Settler's Post for all three churches and made arrangements to pick them up. Note: the daffodils will have long stems this year. Dr. Ketchum has ordered flowers and requested they be given to someone who needs them after Easter.
- Trustee's Report: fire extinguishers were inspected. Three had expired and needed to be replaced.
- Committee Reports: the food collected in our Pile It High program will be delivered.
- Old Business: Pastor Patricia replied to the membership letter—we do not have any record he was a member of our church.
- New Business: Nancy will donate real maple syrup for Easter breakfast. Discussion regarding the new conference liability insurance. Our premium has increased. Pastor Patricia has a letter from the DS with instructions for requesting an assessment of our property.
- Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:15 at the firemen's field, and breakfast at 7:00 at the church. Regular Easter Service will be at 9:00 am. Nancy will bring the elements for Communion to the sunrise service.
- Bonnie Wood and Karen DeSanto will be going to the Annual Conference as our representatives. Pastor Patricia will get with Bonnie to explain/discuss voting procedures.
- April 6 Mary will take as a vacation day.
- Next meeting: April 22 at 6:00pm

### OUR DAILY BREAD

The Port Gibson Church gets a few copies of Our Daily Bread- a daily devotional for personal and family use. This is free of charge from RBC Ministries. You can pick up a copy at the church or we would be glad to bring one to you. Please contact Dawn 331-5621.

Father, We're well aware of how much Your love and forgiveness have helped us. May we share that with others.

*Amen.*

From *Simply Refreshing-A Life Worth Living*, by Ellen Banks Elwell

### April 22, 2014 meeting

- Mary called the meeting to order and Dawn led us in prayer.
- Secretary's Report and Financial Reports were read and approved.
- Pastor's Report: none
- Trustee's Report: discussion regarding bill for windows and roofing at the parsonage. Discussion regarding repairing the sign in front of the church that was damaged. If the doors cannot be repaired, we may have to replace the whole sign.
- The kitchen faucet apparently froze and split. It cannot be used until it is replaced due to water leaking.
- Motion was made to order new microphone stands for the new microphones.
- Bonne and Karen are registered for the Annual Conference. We will check with Bonnie to see if she would like a hard copy of the Pre-conference book. Pastor Patricia is registered also, and Newark Emmanuel will send Port a bill for our portion of the costs.
- New business: the piano needs to be tuned, also the organ. Mary will make the necessary phone calls.
- Discussion on some ideas for June, July and August: Strawberry Social, alternative services like last year, movie night for the town kids were some ideas mentioned.
- Discussion on mementos for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- Note: Peter will be graduating this year.
- Next meeting: May 20

### Report from Treasurer

Thank you to all who are supporting our church. The church is keeping up with the bills. We have started to pay most of our Shared Ministry as some people designated their Lenten offering towards Shared Ministry.

Keep your church and finances in your prayers.

Sincerely, Nancy Anderson, Treasurer

### Report from Trustees

Thank you to Jeremy Wood for his great snowplowing job this winter. He kept us plowed out, sometimes it was a challenge, I'm sure.

As usual with the care of a building and property, there are little projects that need to get done. At our May meeting, I am hoping we can set a date to work on these projects. Stay posted.

Sincerely, Nancy Anderson, Secretary

# EASTER SUNDAY 2014



6:15 am Easter Sunday. It was breaking light when we gathered together to celebrate the news of an empty tomb so many years ago. The morning was crisp and beautiful, still some frost on the grass, but warmer than the last few mornings. The birds were singing. Smiles. Fellowship. Another new day—a gift from God. Along with a reminder of another gift—the gift of our risen Savior, all for our benefit. Pastor Patricia offered us the message and Communion to begin our Easter Sunday. Back at the church we found hot coffee and heat. Breakfast was excellent—thanks to the cooks, John, Jeremy and Andrew, with assistance from Brittney. Maybe we will see you next year?

There were 37 plants purchased this year in honor or in memory of someone special. The church looked and smelled like spring (and bacon from breakfast!) The sun shone through the stained glass window casting a rainbow of colors across the altar.

**Thank you to everyone who purchased plants or made a donation in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.**

We cannot hide from God no matter how we try; For he knows all we think or do—  
We can't escape his eyes.

—Hess

(from *Our Daily Bread*, June 1, Wednesday)

## Camping with God—Continued from page 2

I remember coming home from visiting Florida, an oil valve stuck on the car, spitting out oil. Our radiator boiled dry, and the car stopped on this double two-lane highway. Cars swishing by us, thunder and lightening, the rain coming down in buckets, and not a telephone in sight. What are we going to do? Will someone stop and help us out? One of my daughters said "What did we do to deserve this?" Jokingly I said, "We haven't been to church in these three weeks while travelling."

Someone did stop after a long wait, and fixed the car. We were on our way again. It's nice to be home where your friends are around, and you can just pick up the phone and ask for assistance with any trouble you may have. We need this faith in our fellow man.

We are set up in our tents or trailers, side by side on the hillside or in the valley—all of us under the heaven of blue, God's home. None of us worrying about color, race or position. We hold in the society, one big happy family. We are the sheep of God. He will watch over us because he cares for each one of us. It is too bad we can't be [like] that when we leave camp. We are God's children. He made us different. We can't be alike, but we can live in harmony.

The message I received, to build a stronger faith in God. To discipline myself to listen and hear the sounds from the beauty around us. Be humble and patient with our fellow man. Don't judge too quick and blame the problems we have on someone else. Be thankful for our freedom to roam without spending money, just our time.

There is hope if we would only stop and think, make plans, and work a little harder. We don't have to travel to see these beautiful sights; just walk out into our yards, talk with our neighbors, and spend a few minutes of our time to look around. Don't close the doors to the world outside. Camp with God.



Father God, Thank you for mothers and fathers  
who love us and teach us about you. Amen.

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

## On Your Special Day



God bless you, Mother, on this special day  
For always being lovable and dear,  
For thoughtful things you find to do and say  
That mean so much to others all the year.

For patience and for willingness to share  
Whatever comes, in joy and sorrow too.  
For thoughtfulness and tender, loving care.  
God bless you, Mother, all your lifetime through.

Author Unknown  
From Ideals Mother's Day, 1982

# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion 8:45 am Worship	5	6	7 6:00 pm Choir	8	9	10 11:00 am Ladies Brunch at Newark Emmanuel \$6 Adults \$4 Children 6-12 Tickets: call 315-331-1724
11 Mother's Day 8:45 am Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:45 am Worship	19	20 6:00 pm Ad Council 7:00 pm Trustees	21	22	23	24
25 8:45 am Worship	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 Upper NY Annual Conference: Syracuse

# June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 am Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:45 am Worship	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day 8:45 am Worship	16	17 6:00 pm Ad Council 7:00 pm Trustees	18	19	20	21
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29 8:45 am Worship	30					