

Da Lay Speak!

March, 2011



*"Let us eat and make merry;
for this my son was dead, and is
alive again."
—Luke 15:23-24*

Hola y bienvenido "Wearin' O' The Green" month ...que pasa you ask?....another Roster update....more in our continuing saga of "Bible Reading Intros".....some Training updates.....read on.....

DA ROSTER

Mega Kudos to both Jerz and Bill for filling in pulpit pounding chores for Pat this past month. Buena trabajo, todos! Padre Pat is off to work with the Emmaus team in Atwater, CA, on 3/20, so our own Joyce will double-duty as Preacher/Leader and Music Director that Sunday. Yours truly up next; Colleen right behind.

ON DA ROAD

So far this month: Linda & Lenny at The Villas (retirement home); Joyce and Colleen at Kairos LLCC. Diz in Lovelock on 3/20, 1000.

Please let your editor know ahead of time when you go "On Da Road" so I can tell others. Gracias!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Center (W. Sacramento)

"Preaching Part 1 (3/26); Preaching Part 2 (4/2)", St. Andrew's UMC, 6201 Spruce Avenue, Sacramento 95841. Rev. Elizabeth Beck and Bob Emens, leaders. 9a-2p both days. Both classes required for credit. No lunch provided.

"Lead Worship" (3/26), UM Conference Center, 1276 Halyard Drive, Sacramento 95691. Jim Langdon, leader. 9a-4p

\$25 Pre-Registration is required for all classes. Some classes require homework prep before attending. Contact Conference Office, Attention Cindy Buna, deltadist@calnevumc.org. Cost includes materials, books, refreshments and lunch.

Nevada-Sierra District (that's ours):

Nuttin' on the schedule as yet. (As of now, looks like all future classes in our Conference will be in Sacramento).

Have you completed at least one class within the past 3-years to retain your certification?

BIBLE READING INTROS (CONTINUED)

From "Lessons of the Church Year" by Frederick Houk Borsch

These words from the author: "I found dangers all around, and I am certain not all have been escaped. Often I discovered that one of my introductions was so compactly written that it had to be rethought and clarified. Of even greater concern was the tendency while summarizing to make unwarranted generalizations, or to omit or juxtapose ideas in such a way as to make the lesson say something other than what it does. One of the hardest problems faced was dealing with passages containing verses which have been interpreted and sometimes translated in strikingly different ways. In some instances I have been able to indicate this difficulty. More often a decision had to be made about the meaning, although, wherever possible, I wrote with the intention of leaving such a passage open to different understandings."

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ET CETERA

A reminder to check the Holy Clipboards from time to time and see where your gifts and talents can be used in service. Especially check the Sign-up Sheet for Reader, Children's Storytime, Usher, Communion Server, etc., and work some time in any of these areas that lead you and you are able. A tip of our tam-o-shanter to those who were able to do this recently.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER (FROM THE JOYFUL NOISELETTER)

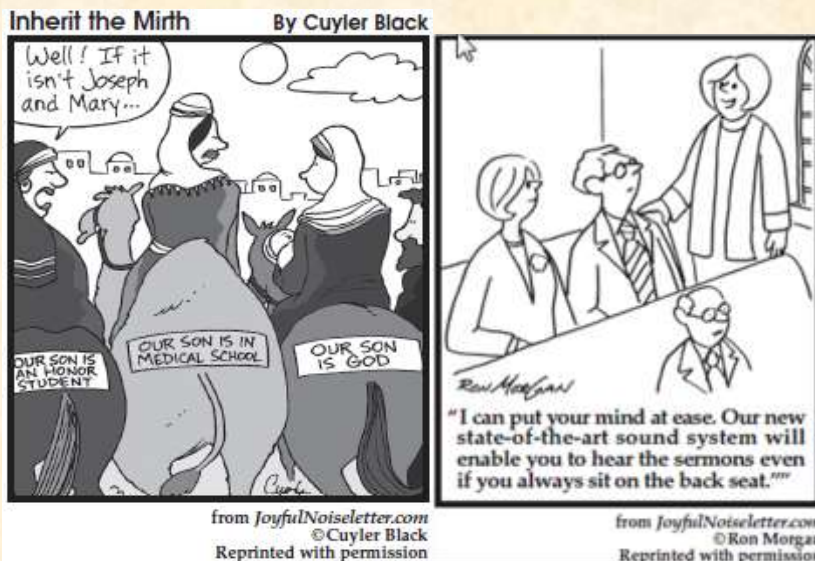
Signs & Wonders

Sign outside United Church of Christ in Winter Park, FL, during unseasonably cold weather in Florida:
"It's a good time to thank God for warm friends."

Sign buried in snow outside St. Joseph Church in Milford, IA:
"Whoever is praying for snow, please stop!"

Sign outside a church:
"God does not believe in atheists—Therefore atheists do not exist."

Sign outside St. Johns Avenue Baptist Church in Palatka, FL:
"An enemy takes up more space in our head that a friend in our heart."



See ya Sunday! Diz