



# The Journal

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## DAN'S DOODLES

TO KNOW CHRIST      TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS  
TO GO IN CHRIST'S NAME

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4: 6 & 7)

Well, as I sit here this morning I am reflecting on these verses. It is raining (again) and there is much anxiety concerning the rising Mississippi river and the potential of the blowing of the levees. There are as many opinions on what should be done and what might be done and what might be done and what will be done as there are Charleston residents. All of us are concerned for the potential loss of life and/or property. In times like this, it is easy to be discouraged and “down”. But my prayer is that the peace of God will reign in our hearts and in our minds. I know the Charleston people; we are a people of “hearty stock”! We will deal with what comes our way and do with dignity and grace!

As Christians, we are also people of HOPE! This is the message of Easter!!! Triumph will overcome trials! It looked hopeless on “Good Friday”, but on Sunday they were celebrating, “He is alive”! And because He is alive, we know that God will lead us through this time of trial, and we can be “drawn closer to the heart of Jesus” as we continue to pray for His strength and guidance. So, let’s keep making our “requests known to God” and ask Him for that “peace which surpasses all understanding! Glory be to God!

“It’s Friday right now but Sunday is coming!!!

In Remembrance of Christ,

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## MAY GREETERS

*May 1 - Tim & Sandra Morrow*

*May 8 - Dorothy Reed &  
Annette Robertson*

*May 15 - Linda Ault &  
Bettina Moxley*

*May 22 - Carletta Samons &  
Brenda Bone*

*May 29 - Ronald Dodson*

*(If you can't greet on your Sunday,  
please call Annette Robertson at  
683-0742 or 683-4917)*

## MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

May 1 - Emily McClain & Jazmyn Scott  
May 8 - Catie Austin & Caitlyn Tinsley  
May 15 - Victor Crisel & Dawson Snider  
May 22 - Anthony Klunk & James Naile  
May 29 - Court Story & James Thurmond

### **A MOMENT FOR MISSIONS**

Thanks to our wonderful Outreach team, the Charleston United Methodist Church is now in a covenant relationship with a “sister” United Methodist Church in Mozambique, Africa. The name of the church family is “Bispo Almeida Penicela UMC.” It is located in the Inhambane West district—in the village of Homoine at about 25 kilometers from the municipality of Maxixe. It is currently being pastored by Idalia Mario Mucanze. They have an average attendance of 150 and last year they added 23 new converts and baptized 24 into the Christian faith! The languages spoken there include: Portuguese, Xitswea, Xope, and Bitonga! Got all that???

Agriculture is the basis of family and church sustenance. Most women have small plots of land for gardening outside the village and work in the nearest flea market and bargain agricultural products. Men and youth work in the South African gold mines. The church building has a cement floor and a roof covered with zinc sheets. There are some benches but still people bring additional chairs. There is no parsonage. The church is renting a thatched house where the pastor lives. That is enough for now. Please be in prayer for our “sister” church in Africa! Our part of the covenant includes a gift of \$990 a year for their support. If you would like to contribute to that ministry, please mark your check in the left hand corner with “sister church”. Thank you for your prayers and support!

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Pat & Phil Stiefel and Richard & Dede Reed invite you to a **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** honoring their Mother, **Dorothy Reed**, on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends on this special day. Request no gifts please.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**Confirmation Sunday** is planned for May 15, 2011. We will recognize the class during the morning worship hour at 9:30 a.m. and then a reception will be held in the Family Life Center following worship. Our Confirmation Class this year is Victor Crisel, Courtney Jones & Edward McClain.

### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** will be held May 15, 2011 in conjunction with Confirmation Sunday. The Graduates will be honored with a reception in the Family Life Center after the morning worship. Our Graduates this year are Natalie Brewer, Madeline Burke & James Naile.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's box of goodies. The care packages are such a treat to get during the stressful time around midterm and final exams. I look forward to my next trip home, and thank you again for thinking of me while I'm at school.

Love,  
Allison DeField

Dear United Methodist Church,

The Senior Class of 2011 would like to thank you for your generous donation to our Project Graduation. Your contribution helps to make the 2011 Project Graduation a huge success. Your continued support always reveals a kind and generous spirit and also provides an investment in our future. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Tony Watkins, Principal  
Janet DeField, Sr. Class Chair

**UMW NEWS**

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Dorothy Anne Brink's house.

"**A Day Apart**", June 11, 2011 at the Piedmont Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information please call Annette Robertson.

**CHURCH CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2011**

The schedule for our **Summer Church Camps** is available in the church office. There are camps for students as young as 3rd grade and as close as Blue Mountain Camp near Fredricktown. Costs vary by length and type of camp. If you have already been sent a registration form and are planning to go, just fill it out and bring it to the church office. We will send it in with the deposit. The church will pay the camp fees out of Camp Shares Funds received.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Laura Jane Coon & Julie Burke, co-directors, are busy planning **Vacation Bible School**, which will be held in the mornings, June 20 thru 24. If you would like to help, please give Laura Jane (683-6824) or Julie (683-4634) a call. Watch for more details in up-coming newsletters & weekly bulletins.

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

3 - Nina Frazier & Chase Tinsley  
5 - Carol McDowell  
6 - Flipper Naile  
8 - Deloras Brown & Dorothy Reed  
9 - Bettina Moxley & Clay Bethune  
11 - Dana Lathum & Melinda Miller  
12 - C.P. Fenton, James Thurmand, III & Lilly Malugen  
13 - Buffy Thurston  
15 - Walter Vines  
17 - Brenda Bone  
19 - Caroline Austin  
20 - Ginger Logan, Stephen Burke & Cary McClure Story  
21 - Britt Story  
23 - Holly Parker  
26 - Carla Hunter Marchant  
27 - Dorothy Anne Brink  
28 - Mary Vines  
31 - Joyce Gilmore

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**COMMUNION AT THE MANOR**

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., May 4, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

