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## Valentine “Beach Party” Banquet..... Friday, February 10th, 6:15pm



Tired of the cold snowy weather—got the winter blues? Throw on your summer attire and come to the Valentine “Beach Party” Banquet for Adults Singles and Couples.



Come watch the beautiful sunset, listen to the sounds of the ocean and dance to some beach side music. Enjoy a grilled burger, hot dog, or bbq chicken along with potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and sweet corn. For dessert indulge yourself with a hot fudge sundae or some watermelon. (We'll make sure no beach sand gets into your food).



Bring your lawn chairs to sit around the bonfire...there will be some beach volleyball and who's up for some limbo? You might want to wear your sunscreen cause it's gonna be hot! The cost is \$11 per person. Sign-up at the Welcome Center before Wed., Feb. 8th. This event is brought to you by the YABS Group. Just to be on the safe side, you might want to bring a sweatshirt or sweater (in case the sun goes under...we'll be in the gym!).



Thank you to the Carol Ministry for the beautiful poinsettia plant, the Garden group for the canned goodies in the basket and the carolers for the singing and

cookies. The children were so sweet. All the lovely things you have all done for me the whole year is so much appreciated.

This is my first Christmas alone but you all have made it great for me. My family was all together for the first time in 2 years.

It was tiring but so very nice.

God bless you all...

....Kate Peck

I would like to thank the Pilgrim Gardeners for the basket of home canned goodies and the carol ministry for the lovely Poinsettia. Thanks to the carolers; hearing your voices and watching the younger ones' eyes sparkle as they sang, was a blessing.

Thank you for the cookies and those hugs!

Blessings to everyone!

....Helen Cornell

I would like to thank the Carol Ministry for the poinsettia plant and the Pilgrim Gardeners for the canned goods. Thanks also to the carolers. You all helped make Christmas more special.

....Judy Shinn

To the Carol Ministry Team I thank you for the plant and the goody basket including the canned goods done by the Pilgrim garden group. I hope you know how warmly you're thought of and how very much you are appreciated for all you do.

....Jackie McKeachie

The canned goods were much appreciated...we have enjoyed some already! Thank you to the Pilgrim Community Gardners for those and thanks to the Carol Ministry for the poinsettia. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

....Helen Rogers

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The church office has many of the newer Christian value movies on VHS or DVD for families and/or adults. We also have a large selection of videos and quite a few DVD's for the kids. When checking out a movie please be sure to

sign you name on the card along with the date you signed it out and have the movie placed in a "carry" container. We do not let the movies out in their original jackets so we can keep them in good condition. The signed cards should be left with the original jacket in the church office with the administrative assistant. A copy of movies available is posted outside the church office. You can call an arrange a time to pick up the movies you have selected and the administrative assistant will make sure they are ready for you. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 1:30pm. We can leave your DVD's/Videos at the Welcome Center for you to pick up.



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service**

Pilgrim will hold a traditional Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22nd from 7—8pm. Please bring your children for Caravan and stay to join us for this meaningful service. We encourage you to invite your family, neighbors, and friends to begin their journey through the Lenten Season with you at Pilgrim.

☺ The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

☺ Funny how we call God our father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

## Wesley Woods Adult Retreat



Are you looking for some fun, **adult** time away? Do you want to grow spiritually, and build closer relationships with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?! Then come join us at Wesley Woods Adult Retreat **Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd** for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and relaxation (yeah, right, those of us who have been there know better—how many come back stressed out from playing tricky, tricky bear or added 5 pounds from all the munchies!) At the time of this printing we do not have information on the speaker so watch your bulletin or contact **Gary and Kris Zehr for the information.**

Wesley Woods is a United Methodist Church Camp located on a lake, south of Hastings. The rooms have hotel-like accommodations with two per room and a bathroom between each two rooms. There is a large lounge with fireplace and kitchenette. These areas are where we hold most of the activities. The dining hall is located in another building nearby. Bring your own snow gear for ice fishing, ice skates, sleds, etc. for free time. Also bring a Bible, pen, notebook, snacks to share, comfy clothes and personal toiletries. Towels and bedding are furnished.

It all **starts Friday night at 6:30pm, with dinner** at Wesley Woods. We will be **done around 7pm following dinner on Saturday night.** Anyone wishing to carpool or follow someone to Wesley Woods should meet in the church parking lot at 4:30pm Friday afternoon (maps are available).

Cost will be around \$40 per person. This covers your accommodations, a meal on Friday night and 3 meals on Saturday.

The **sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center**, starting Wed., Feb. 1st thru Sun., Feb. 19th. Money is due to Kris or Gary Zehr no later than Sun., Feb. 19th (checks made payable to Pilgrim UMC). Questions? Call Kris or Gary Zehr at 989-224-6376. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



Thanks Continued...

Thanks to the Soup and Tatoes Helpers....the Jamaica team wants to thank ALL of you who helped out by consuming the delicious soups Deb Ruthruff and friends made and the hot tatoes! The meal and fellowship was wonderful and our hearts are gracious to you who donated cash in the suitcase and at the meal for our support to go help PAPA's Ministries in Jamaica. Your prayers will be blessings also as we go to serve as God has called us to do.

Thank you to T.A.C. Youth and Bre Wesner....The Jamaica Team also wants to thank those from December and January that helped with the hair extensions. We appreciate Bre and her friend for taking the time to do this during T.A.C. and we know the recipients of the extensions have had a great time!

I want to thank everyone who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree kids and also thanks to those who delivered the gifts. Every child has a story. For 1.7 million American children, that story is filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that comes from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration. Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

....Joan Green, Coordinator

Thank you so much for your donation to Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County in the amount of \$5,213 in completion of your commitment toward the Apostles Build. It's been a joy working with your congregation. As partners in this project we have helped to afford the Senter family an opportunity to drastically change their lives—they will have a more stable home; they will build equity; and they will create new memories. Your support and ongoing support is part of this achievement.

## “A Faithful Past: A Future Hope”



### Heartland District Conference Saturday, February 18, 2012 New Life UMC

12:00 pm Registration & Singing  
12:30 pm Worship  
1:00 pm Don Reis: “Africa University”  
1:30 pm Workshops

1:30-2:15 pm	2:30-3:15 pm	3:30-4:15 pm
Safe Sanctuaries	General Conference	Small Group Model
Small Group Model	Effective Trustees	Effective Trustees
UMW 101	Stewardship Stew	General Conference
Staff Parish Relations	Staff Parish Relations	Stewardship Stew
New Face Evangelism	New Face Evangelism	Safe Sanctuaries
Different Needs, Same Message	Different Needs, Same Message	UMW 101

4:30 pm Business Meeting  
5:00 pm Sending Forth

We are hoping to see **all** *pastors, lay leaders, treasurers, finance committee members, mission committee members, SPRC members, etc.* attend...**especially** if you are new to the position!

Jamaica Cont’d...

- Our car, we call “Old Goldie”, is running great now, outfitted with new tires too
- The church car is dying, don’t know what they will do about that
- Feeding of the poor is happening from the manse practically every day

Many other things too numerous to mention are happening every day, thanks to our support.

God bless and keep you and yours until we meet again,  
Kay and Merlin Pratt

### Pilgrim Worship Service Cancellation

If it is necessary to cancel worship services due to severe winter weather, notification will be send out in 3 different ways.

- On your **radio**, tune to 88.1 Smile FM, WLGH
- Use your **computer** and check your e-mail. A general e-mail will be sent out.
- By **phone** you can call the church office and a message will be on the answering machine, (keep calling until you get the recorded message)

Every effort will be made to get this information out by 7am.





Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support. When on the mission field one of the most encouraging avenues of life is the support from people back home. It is not just the money, it is the love, prayers and communications that are sent because God has called you to this mission also that mean so much. We place ourselves in the hands of our amazing Lord and He communicates to others His needs so that the Gospel can go further than ever before. Thank you for being a link in the never ending story of God's salvation through Christ our Lord. Just a few things that have happened in the 5 months we have been here are:

- Manse is well on its way to being a better mission house
- The 4 churches Merlin is serving (Kay serves them too) are feeling more relaxed and growing
- We have a new Bible study class on Tuesday's at Fruitful Vale and Hope Bay
- Worship has grown from 5 at Fruit Vale to 23 with 5 of them being men
- Movie nights have been held at all the churches with a good turnout
- We are trying to help lay pastors see the need to continue their training and provide ways and means for this to happen
- The Methodist Primary School is getting a new principal which helps work there forge ahead
- The poor in the mountains have been provided many things they needed
- Work has started on the Kensington manse as teams prepare to come to work on the new house
- Street Ministry happens every day

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## Workshop Choices - Heartland District Conference

- “Safe Sanctuaries” with Joleen Golden**—Ideas to keep your children, youth, and special needs adults safe while they are attending events in your church. Discussion about church policies on Abuse Prevention.
- “Jesus and the Disciples as A Small Group Model” with Jean Holland & Jan Huffman**—Matthew 18:10, 25:34-36 & John 15:12. Come and see, find ideas, leave to follow Jesus' command.
- “The New Face of Evangelism” with Rev. Dale Golden**—(Matthew 25:40). Learn how evangelism, Christian education and mission outreach meld into one.
- “UMW 101” with Christy Baker**—anything and everything you ever wanted to know about the United Methodist Women
- “How Can I Be an Effective Trustee?” with Larry Wyman**—What knowledge, skills & abilities do I need? Come get the answers!
- “Support & Accountability in Staff Parish Relations” with District Superintendent David Hills**—This basic session will cover the role and function of the SPR Committee. There will be a brief review of the recently distributed SPRC Handbook (more will be made available), an exploration of pastoral compensation and benefit trends, and a time for questions.
- “Stewardship Stew: The Right Ingredients at the Right Time” with Pr. Jon VanDop**—introducing programs for personal budgeting that financially educate rather than simply call for giving
- “Different Needs, Same Message” with Pr. Darryl Miller**—Welcoming, recognizing and ministering to those with Special / different needs. How to make those with special or different needs feel welcome, included and ministered to in our churches. How to recognize and meet their needs without making them feel uncomfortable.
- “General Conference”** — Come learn about what's happening at the 2012 General Conference.

**This event is free; however do we need everyone to pre-register for planning purposes before February 18, 2012.**

**Visit [www.umcheartland.org/Events.html](http://www.umcheartland.org/Events.html) to sign up today!**

*(If you cannot register online, call Melanie for help.)*

**Contact Melanie at [office@umcheartland.org](mailto:office@umcheartland.org) or 989-773-5140 if you have any questions.**



### featuring the Searcher Girls...

What Caravan girls are giggly, excited about coming to Caravan each Wed. night and love to eat?? You have guessed it, just about EVERY girl in Caravan. There is a unique distinction when it comes to the 1st and 2nd grade Searcher Girls. They are the girls with FEWER FRONT TEETH and they love to do crafts, cook, eat, and have a P.J. night at Caravan! These gals are wonderfully led by Joan Green and Betty Lamb. In the fall they studied about the birds God created, brought money and goods for the Lansing Rescue Mission, and enjoyed making a Christmas ornament as we celebrated Jesus' birthday. Soon they will be studying different things in the Bible but of course that is a life time process so their precious leaders will help them. Singing at Grace Haven and Hazle Findlay Country Manor are also on their calendar as they bring smiles, music, and hugs to many residents in those facilities. Joan and Betty are faithful and dedicated servants of the Lord and will appreciate your support and prayers as they seek to direct and teach these little ladies. Continue to pray for these awesome leaders and the 7 or 8 girls who come each week. You bless all of us in Caravan with your prayers and support.

Thank you for the extra gift at Christmas. We love and appreciate all of you so much. Without you the journey would be hard and lonely. So many of you work long and hard to see the mission of God work through Papa's because you know God has called you to this mission. It is not and never has been OUR mission alone. It began with the Holy Spirit's movement and continues through those who allow themselves to be touched by God's hand. We know that had God not planted us at Pilgrim this mission might not have been a part of our lives. For that we are grateful and more grateful still for all of you who walk the journey with us. God Bless and we are looking forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of months.

...Love, Kay and Merlin Pratt, Papa's Ministries, Jamaica



## Prayer Soaking

We are going to have another Prayer Soaking Friday Feb. 24th at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and come and join us. Anyone is welcome to come. This is a time to draw close to God through praise and worship, reading God's word and just resting in His amazing presence. You come away rejuvenated! There is such a peace you have never experienced before. Bring finger food, your bible, notebook, something to lounge in and relax in. You will experience God's presence! If you have any questions you can call me at 989-292-1107 or e-mail me at [pmwill55@yahoo.com](mailto:pmwill55@yahoo.com).  
Pam Williams

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## Lenten Small Groups are coming! Sign-up begin February 5<sup>th</sup>



Pastor and best-selling author Jim Cymbala shows us how to welcome God's Spirit in a way that can invigorate our church and infuse a fresh sense of His power in our life. What happens when the Holy Spirit moves powerfully within a church?

Beginning the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, we will begin having a 6 week small group study leading to Easter. This year our study is "*When God's Spirit Moves*" by Jim Cymbala. There will be about 10 small groups to choose from, varying in day and time. Please be in prayer as to where you will plug in. You don't want to miss this study. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, February 5, 2012 and the book cost is \$8.00. Contact Vicky Bremer, 224.6865 or [vicbremer@mutualdata.com](mailto:vicbremer@mutualdata.com) if you have any questions.

## Jamaica Team Ready to Set Sail...



February 4th, the mission team that will go to help P.A.P.A.'s Ministries with the Pratts, will fly early in the morning and return late Sun., Feb. 12th. Marijo Weatherwax, Sherri Heibeck, Mick Heibeck, Roberta & Denny Pennock, Sarah Cressman, Vanessa Wenzlick, and Bob & Karen Grams want to thank all of you who have been supporting them financially and with goods to take, and we will be blessed with your prayers as we are sent and go into the mission field. We will be laying cement blocks for a parsonage destroyed by a hurricane, help with worship Sunday morning, and do whatever else we are called to do while there. Thanks so much for your awesome support as we know we are taking each one of you in our bags... as you have given, so we may go. We look forward to sharing the good news of the mission when we return, God bless you and with joy in serving Jesus, ...the Jamaica Team



## Marriage on the Rock....

February 10-11

This Valentine's weekend give your spouse the gift that will change his or her life: an intimate passionate, fulfilling and healthy marriage. Join Jimmy & Karen Evans for their Marriage on the Rock seminar, live via online broadcast at Maple Rapids congregational Christian Church (410 S. Maple Ave.). There will be fellowship on Friday, Feb. 10th from 6:30-7pm, dinner at 7pm, Seminar from 8:30 to 10:30pm and on Saturday Jan. 11th, Coffee and Fellowship at 9:15am with seminar from 10am to 1pm. Cost is \$40 per couple (includes Fri. night dinner) or \$10 per person for seminar only. To register call the Maple Rapids Congregational Christian Church at 989.682.4165 by February 1, 2012.

Thanks for the  
**GREAT** Team Work



1) A very special Thank you to the following women for their time and service all year: Marilyn Argersinger, Vickie Becker, Jane Brown, Mary Christensen, Isabelle Cleland, Kris Fortin, Darcy Hallenbeck, Betty Lamb, Jean Lublow, Janice & Hannah Mox, Penny O'Boyle, Barb Sturgis, and Pam Wyrick.

2) I would also like to welcome the following women to our Team: Bonnie Smith, Carolyn Delavan, and Jenna Brown.

3) Thank you to all of you on the Meal Call List who have generously provided meals to those in need this year!

4) Thank you to Diane Hazle and June Moss for sharing their talents and providing beautiful prayer shawls to our Team for distribution. The recipients know that they are not alone and are wrapped in God's love and our prayers.

5) Thank you to Candy and Darcy for their admin. assistance to our Team; Your efforts do not go unnoticed and that is why we say TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More!

6) Lastly, I would like to Thank the Pilgrim Community Gardeners for providing our Team with canned goods for distribution at Christmas to the shut ins, widows and widowers. Everyone was truly grateful and making these deliveries is very heartwarming. A special Thank You to Nicole Gregory and Chris Zehr for coordinating this effort with me this year.

It is wonderful to see everyone's love in action! God Bless You All!

In His Service,  
June Williams  
CAROL Ministry Team Leader



Carol Ministry for the  
Homebound and Lonely



Snow Tubing at Snow Snake Mountain has been changed from Feb. 25 to March 3, 10 am to noon! Cost is \$12 per person. Restrictions are that each person must be at least 36" tall and you must sign a release form. ( <http://www.snowsnake.net/pdfs/tubinggrouprelease2010.pdf> ) is the site to download a release form.

Please return the **release form and your payment** to Monte or Tara Malek no later than February 11th. We must have at least 30 people attending to secure this date and price. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact the Malek's at 989-307-0827.

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### Church Photo Directory

Pilgrim's congregation is constantly changing. Those changes include new babies, families moving out of and into

the area, and deaths. Every three years or so Pilgrim does a church photo directory which includes pictures, names, addresses and phone number of those attending Pilgrim Church. This is a great tool for our parishioners to use for keeping in touch with others in the congregation, for identifying those you may not be familiar with, and for those new to the congregation. Pictures will be taken May 16th—19th with sign-up for those dates taking place April 15th and 22nd before and after worship. We're using a new company this year. You will still receive a free 8x10 picture and directory if your picture is included. You will have the opportunity to purchase extra pictures and to choose the picture you want in the directory. Plan now to be a part of this important event.

## Pilgrim United Methodist Men

**Our Purpose—  
to be "MEN for JESUS"**

Guys....Did you know there are approximately 43,200 minutes in a month?

The Pilgrim men meet once a month for 90 minutes. If you come and join us for those 90 minutes you will still have 43,110 minutes left of that month. ...and we are willing to bet that you will be blessed during those 90 minutes. Come join us the third Saturday of each month from 8am—9:30am for breakfast along with a time of encouragement and inspiration. All men and boys are invited. We are putting together a breakfast reminder contact list and we hope all of you will sign it. It's just a way for you to tell us how we can best remind you of an upcoming breakfast (e-mail, text, phone call or snail mail). Hope you'll come and be with us for those 90 minutes.

....Pilgrim U.M. Men  
Leadership Team



Let's see how inventive we can be encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do, but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day (Christ's return) approaching.. Hebrews 10:25

*Come join us for breakfast!!!*

### Monthly Movie Night

The Men for Jesus will be sponsoring a late afternoon/early evening movie event the second Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, February 12th with a showing of ***Soul Surfer*** (rated PG) . Movies are free and will be shown in the Sanctuary at 4:30pm. *No nursery will be provided.* Concessions will be provided at a cost.



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Here are two simple and effective things you can do to connect more people to Christ's church. 1) Be welcoming! Show kindness and grace to each and every person that comes through our doors. During Sunday worship introduce yourself to one new person per week. 2) Be invitational! Simply invite someone you know to come to worship at Pilgrim. Set a goal of inviting one new person a month and watch what God will do. Over 90% of all attendees say they came to church because someone they know invited them.



### The World is our Parish

We are a part of the global church or universal church as some call it. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, said, "The world is my parish." And, indeed it is! God created this planet and has a plan from its beginning to its ending. The church is God's primary means for telling and showing his love and grace to all people. Wow, we are a part of something big!

Grace & Peace,

*Pastor Ken*



We are taking donations of yarn for afghan and lap blankets for the Senior Center. Please leave the yarn in the Coat Room at the church and mark it "Senior Center". If you have any questions, see Marijo Weatherwax.



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Betty Schumaker
- 4 Lynn Warner
- 5 Jacob Crum
- 6 Mark Cordes
- 7 Terry Dubendorf
- 8 Christian Wenburg
- 9 Audrey Madar  
Lynn Eichenberg
- 11 Alaine Banninga
- 12 Elijah Wenburg
- 13 Lorin Grams
- 14 Justin Hallead
- 15 Jarred Smith
- 18 Amy Wirth
- 20 Vanessa Warner  
Sarah Zehr  
Richele Kniff
- 23 Nancy George  
Karen Cressman  
Kelly Parsons
- 25 Bonnie Heibeck  
Brad Cordes  
Dana Juhas
- 27 June Moss  
Caroline Parsons


- 28 Ben Roberson  
Christine Williams
- 29 Dennis Pennock  
Evan Gregory



### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Ranny & Sue Briggs
- 17 Al & Carol Egres

I would like to thank the Carol Ministry for the beautiful plant and the church gardeners for the canned goods. May God bless of all you. ...Paula Roberts

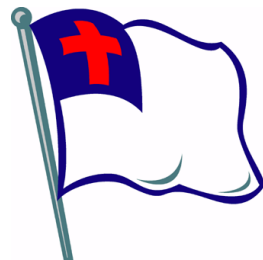




Dear Pilgrim Friends,  
 These opening comments are from the Winter 2011 issue of the Asbury Herald written by Dr. Timothy C. Tennent, *President and Professor of World Christianity*, Asbury Seminary.

*The phrase “global church” is increasingly being used today in books and articles about Christianity in the 21st century. What does this phrase mean? To answer this we must begin by reviewing some of the dramatic changes taking place in the church today. For hundreds of years the church was made up of mostly western peoples. There were, by comparison, not that many African or Asian Christians. In 1800, for example, 98 percent of all Christians were located in the western world. Even one hundred years later, at the dawn of the 20th century, ninety percent of all Protestants still lived in the western world. Is it any surprise that 19th century Africans often referred to Christianity as the “white man’s religion?” Most Africans had never met a non-white Christian in their entire lives.*

*However, during the 20th century something remarkable happened to the Church. The face of Christianity, quite literally, changed. Astonishing growth has occurred in the churches in Africa, in Asia and in Latin America. The change has been so dramatic that the number of Christians in Africa and Latin America has gone from being only 10 percent of the overall Church to being nearly 70 percent of the Church! Christians in the West have dropped from being 90 percent of the world in 1900 to about 32 percent today.*



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Friends, these dramatic changes in the global church are reflected in the United Methodist Church. From 2005 to 2009 membership in the United Methodist Church in the USA showed a 4% decline. This shift of the global church will be seen this year at the 2012 General Conference of the UMC. The number of delegates (based upon church membership) will change this year as follows:

	2008	2012
USA, North Central Jurisdiction	138	112
USA, Northeastern Jurisdiction	126	114
USA, South Central Jurisdiction	148	128
USA, Southeastern Jurisdiction	252	220
USA, Western Jurisdiction	40	32
Africa	196	282
Europe	42	42
Philippines	42	48



There are about 12,500 people living within a 5 mile radius of Pilgrim church. About 500 of them identify with Pilgrim as their church. Sharing the good news of God’s love and grace with these remaining 12,000 people is our responsibility along with the 20+ other churches in the area. Let’s not let St Johns become a part of the declining trend of Christianity in America.

Here at Pilgrim UMC from 2005 to 2011 church membership was about the same, 213 to 212 respectively. For the same period average worship attendance went from 218 to 264 (21% increase or 3.5% per year). Praise the Lord! Though we have a lot to be thankful for, there are literally thousands of people in the St Johns area who do not know Jesus Christ and do not have a church home.



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