

COMMON GROUND

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

A week ago Sunday night Clarice, Eryn and I were sitting around the table at the end of a long day, and Eryn began to babble "p'dee, p'dee, p'dee, p'dee"...and her mother and I began to laugh. Eryn then began to laugh at herself and then go back into the "p'dee, p'dee, p'dee, p'dee", which made Clarice and me laugh even harder. This type of chain reaction often happens: as we laugh and enjoy life, others tend to follow suit. This little event reminded me that we need to appreciate the simple things in life.

Also this past week, I was reading Max Lucado's book, In the Eye of the Storm; the two chapters I read were called "The Joy in the Journey" and "Remarkable". These two chapters again pointed my eyes toward enjoying life, as well as calling my attention to the simple things. As I walked to work last week in the snowfall, I thought about each snowflake and how each one is different from the others. As I spent time with you guys, I tried not to worry so much about things that needed to be done, but just be concerned about you as individuals. In our busy lives, we tend to get caught up so much in ourselves that we don't take time to really enjoy living; to cherish the people around us, or to praise God for His beautiful creations.

I know you're all busy. But try to take a little time this week to "stop and smell the roses", and enjoy the wonderful things God has created.

In Christ,

David



A candle's but a simple thing;
It starts with just a bit of string.
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until, complete and snowy white,
It gives at last a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string;
Each deed we do a simple thing;
Yet day by day if on life's strand
We work with patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives at last a lovely light

---Clara Belle Thurston, S.M.---

WEEKLY EVENTS:

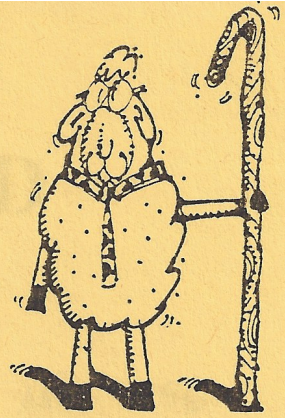
Sunday: Leadership, 307 Gruening, 4 P.M.
(WILL NOT BE HELD ON SUNDAY 11/10)

Monday: Music, UCM Office, 4 P.M.

Tuesday: Vespers, Lola Tilly Lounge, 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 505 SAC, 7 P.M.

Thursday: Lunch Bunch, Lola Tilly Lounge, 1 P.M.



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Nov. 14: DAY TO PRAY, 7 A.M.-7 P.M., with prayer meeting at end.

Friday, Nov. 15: GYM NIGHT at SRC. Call UCM office for more info.

Thursday, Nov. 21: "Fiddler on the Roof", free showing of FLOT production, 7:30 P.M. at Hering Auditorium. Meet at UCM office 6:45 P.M. See Ann at office for more details.

Sunday, Nov. 24: UCM Singers are invited to perform at both services at FirstUnited Methodist Church. Meet at UCM office at 8:15 A.M.



Thursday, Nov. 28: For those of you who will be in town, you're invited to Thanksgiving dinner at David and Clarice's. Meet at UCM office at noon for a ride.