

COMMON GROUND

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Lead Me

*I went out this evening for a stroll no particular place to go thought I'd take some time to look
inside my mind and maybe search my soul.*

*When I was young I had answers definitely deep conviction inside me it was black and white
plain as day and night and that all it could be.*

*Search me, and let me know which way I'm suppose to go. There's sin in my life that I hold
help me Lord, help me to let it go.*

*Lead me in the way everlasting.
Teach me grace and forgiving.
Hold me in your love never ending.
Yes, lead me in the way everlasting.*

*I get caught up in bills to pay, and I get caught up in I'd like to retire someday. It's a powerful
web it gets wrapped around my neck, it's the world! It's the world! It's the world!
And I don't spend enough time with my wife, and I don't spend enough time with the little angel
in my life. I wish I had more patience. I wish I had more time. I wish I had more wisdom to know
what is right.*

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In Leadership we are reading a book by Max Lucado, In the Eye of the Storm. The last few chapters have been about God's amazing grace. He wrote about John Newton who wrote the song "Amazing Grace" and about a Canaanite woman who came to Jesus asking him to heal her daughter. In both stories God extends his grace to people who are not worthy of it. John Newton was a slave trader who had lived his life apart from God until a fateful shipwreck taught his heart to fear. After this experience he wrote "Amazing Grace" and spent the rest of his life as a preacher. The Canaanite woman started out with two strikes against her as a foreigner to the Jews and as a woman. Jesus looked beyond these factors and saw both her value as a person and her tremendous faith. In my own life I am reminded that I am weak, that I fall often, and that I lose my focus on God in favor of what the world has to offer. It is so important to remember that His strength is made perfect in our weakness; that when we fall, we do not fail unless we refuse to get up again. Finally we must also realize that the world offers us many things, but to quote another song "Nothing compares to the promise I have in You."

- Rachel & David

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: "Ra-Mon-Day"--Have a free Ramen lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall). Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30 pm.

Music Practice--Come to the office at 4 pm to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

TUESDAY: Vespers--A casual worship service, Upper Lola Tilly Commons, 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY: Dinner & Bible Study--At 5:30 pm we meet at the office and go to the home of David Moore for a great home cooked meal and a casual bible study.

SUNDAY: Leadership--Open to anyone interested in planning UCM activities and willing to make a commitment to leadership. UCM office @ 3pm.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

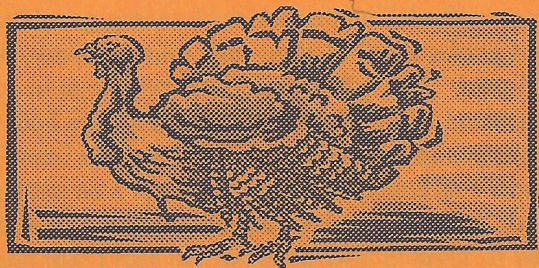
Thursday, November 9th: Meet at the office 5:30 as usual and go to David's house for a Tamale Pie Dinner, then instead of bible study we will attend "**Seven Brides for Seven Brothers**", which is a musical by the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre. We expect to be back to the UAF by 10 pm. (P.S. It's free. ☺)

Friday, November 10th: **GYM Night** - Join us at the Student Recreation Center at 7:00 pm for an evening of exercise disguised as fun. We will join with other Christian groups on campus and fellowship through activities such as basketball, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball.

Sunday, November 12th: We will be **Singing** at the morning service at St. Paul Methodist Church. Meet at the Office at 9:30am. We will sing at the 11:00 am service and go out for Pizza afterwards.

Wednesday, November 22nd: If you are planning to be in town over Thanksgiving break, be sure to join the UCM family for **Thanksgiving Preparation** and, of course, the meal on Thursday too. For Thanksgiving preparation meet at the Office at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 24th: **Thanksgiving Day!** You don't want to miss out on the scrumptious food and good fun. Meet at the office at 12:00 noon and go to **Bonnells'** for Turkey Day. (Thanks Bonnells!)



The Fall Fundraiser was a great success! Hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. I received many complimentary comments; such as, the slide show was FUN, the speakers were GREAT, the door prizes were TERIFFIC, and we really had a WONDERFUL TIME. You all did a great job. Lois