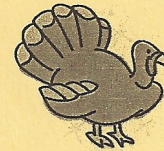




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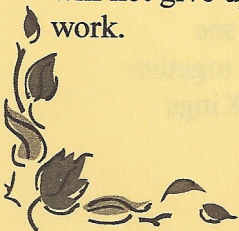
United Campus Ministry went to Loving Companions, which is an animal shelter, and to the Fairbanks Food Bank a couple of weeks ago. I went to Loving Companions, which was a lot of fun. I have to admit something though. You see we tried to wash the floor once, but everyone-myself included-kept stepping on the wet clean floor with our dirty shoes. We probably should have changed something to prevent the floor from getting dirty, which is kind of like when we are being tempted by sin; however, that is something for a different time. The point I want to make is that we had to keep cleaning and persevering.

Just because a task seems endless or hopeless does not mean we should give up. Think about the Israelites who would time after time turn away from God, but each time God would work with them. God promises to give us strength and that his burden is easy. That does not mean life will always be smiles and giggles, but that he is with us to give comfort when we ask and to put people in our lives to help us get through the problems.

Some of the animals had been so mistreated and had problems, but the ones that persevere with a good attitude are the ones that will be adopted. When we persevere it sometimes grants opportunities that we would not expect.

In the end we dusted everything and were able to mop everything. I hope that you will not give up and be able to mop up your work.

Margaret



Thankfulness

On Sunday afternoon I played basketball for the third day in a row (that may be a little more than someone in their mid forties should do). After playing I could feel that my left knee had a bit of a twinge to it. That evening I foolishly did not ice it. On Monday it continued to get bigger and stiffer. Over the past few days of staying off of it and icing it I have had time to think about the precious gift of walking and being able to move around as I please. It has caused me to stop and reflect on the many gifts that we just take for granted. As I hear about the Cholera outbreak in Haiti I am reminded to give thanks for the drinking water that we so freely get from the tap. I have also thought about the food that we so easily purchase and how God supplies our daily needs. I am grateful for each of you and what you give and mean to United Campus Ministry. I am humbled by our donors as they continue to support this ministry through their prayers, financial gifts, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, dinners, and treat bags. I hope that during this month of Thanksgiving you will take time to reflect on the many gifts you have been given. And the many people that have impacted your life and that you rely on everyday.

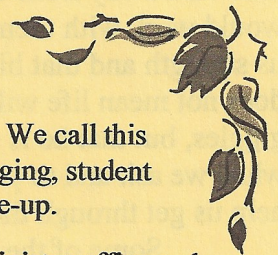
--David

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

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UPCOMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS



Tuesday Evening Worship is at 7:30 pm in the Lounge above Lola Tilly Commons. We call this worship service Vespers (meaning an evening worship service). The service consists of singing, student testimony, a short message, and a time of quiet reflection. This is a great mid-week pick-me-up.

Thursday Evening Dinners! Every Thursday we will meet at the United Campus Ministry office and head over to the Moore's for dinner. Afterwards we will either have Bible Study, go to a UAF sporting event, or do a service project. For Bible Study this semester we will be doing a study of the lessons we can learn from the Parables of Jesus.

Chena Hot Springs: Saturday, November 13th, we will be going to Chena Hot Springs to sooth our aching wounds of school and work. We are leaving at 1 pm on Saturday and going to swim and soak. After we swim for awhile we will eat at the Chena Lodge. The cost is \$10.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, November 25th is Thanksgiving which is time to see family, but if you cannot go to your blood family come join the UCM family. We will come together on Thanksgiving Eve to make the food, and then on Thanksgiving we will eat enough to be Kings and Queens.

