

## Pray our Way Through Lent

*By Jim Gorman*

On Ash Wednesday I began a series of talks on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5-7) by starting in the center of the Sermon.

The Jesus Prayer, or the Lord's Prayer as we usually call it, acts as a pivotal spot for understanding the whole meaning of this magnificent sermon.

The prayer Jesus taught us may be so familiar to us that we might lose most of its meaning and taking the prayer line-by-line (or petition by petition) we can recover some of what Jesus meant to be teaching us when he said "Pray like this."

This is the most simple and humble of prayers. Jesus said, "Do not heap up empty phrases" as we pray (Matthew 6:7). Jesus instructs us to just "go into your room, shut the door and pray..." Why? Maybe because when we pray in private, just between God and ourselves, we won't be tempted to be eloquent! We can be halting, inarticulate, tongue-tied and even a bit irreverent. Who's listening? Just God and God will fill in the inarticulate empty silences with what is needed.

So Jesus teaches us to pray "in this way."

Which brings up another important point. Jesus wasn't suggesting that we memorize this prayer and repeat it endlessly using always the same words. He said, "Pray then in this way..." So, let's see how these petitions might be rethought.

**Our Father in Heaven:** Calling God Father is an act of intimacy and saying that God is in heaven suggests that God is distant from us. It sets the stage for the prayer. God is as near as our most private musings and as distant as the stars.

**Holy is your name:** This petition is thoroughly Jewish. In synagogue worship in Jesus' time, the Kaddish prayer began just like this, "Exalted and hallowed be God's great name." This is the name revealed to Moses at the burning bush, YHWH! The great "I AM".

**Your Kingdom Come:** This is a vague idea, isn't it? What is the Kingdom? What is the reign of God? It is a world in which the hungry are fed, wars are superseded by peace, the sick are healed, wrong-doings are replaced by repentance and an embrace. The beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount are descriptions of what the kingdom of God would look like.

**Your will be done on earth as in Heaven:** God's will, perfectly realized in heaven, is to become a part of our life on earth. The vicious cycles of retaliation and revenge will cease, a new community will be formed under the command to love God, neighbor, ourselves and even our enemies!

**Give us today the bread which we need:** Like manna in the wilderness, we will have enough for today without a need to hoard for tomorrow.

**Forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven:** This petition recognizes that we are all sinners and that true reconciliation begins with this powerful and difficult self-understanding. Only then can we forgive.

**Do not bring us to the time of trial:** God doesn't lead us into temptation, but we can pray that God can teach us patterns that overcome the habitual patterns of anger, addiction and abuse.

Jesus would have liked the church to write its own prayers based on this humble pattern.

## **Minister of Visitation**

*Rev. Ralph Schultz*

People experience the Lenten Season in a variety of ways. For some it means making the effort to be at worship each Sunday, and participate in mid-week Lenten services. For others, it means giving something of your time to the church or community as a volunteer, following Jesus' example, as a servant of God. Still others choose to `give up` something, perhaps some items which aren't particularly good for our bodies anyway.

While in cool Florida the first two weeks of February, my wife and I had time to read some excellent books. You might want to consider Mitch Albom's, *Have a Little Faith*. My daughter said, `Dad, you have to read this book. It's fast reading and excellent for passing time on the plane`.

The book is about the unique relationships Mitch has with two people, one a rabbi, Albert Lewis, more commonly known simply as `The Reb`, who lives in New Jersey and the other, a young boy, Henry Covington, who is being raised in a tough neighborhood, in Brooklyn. It is the true story of two very different lives, but the common element is faith, and the struggle to work through all that life sets before each one. As we read about these diverse personalities, we grow in our own faith and understanding of what relationship means. The other book, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, also a true story, shares the marvelous, miraculous account of what one person can do to make a difference in the world, one day, one laborious trip, one school at a time...

Greg Mortenson is the director of the Central Asia Institute. A former mountaineer and military veteran, he spends several months, each year, building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. David Relin is a journalist, widely traveled, who has won more than forty national awards for his writings.

In 1993, Greg drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram Mountains, after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the kindness of these humble villagers, Greg promises to return and build a school. Fifty-five schools later, several for local girls, whose culture has forbidden females to be educated, his work, with financial assistance and moral support, from many, goes on.

Greg is convinced that only as generations of Pakistani children become educated, will they be able to defeat terrorism. His spirit and persistence have led many to believe that he should be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Two mind stretching books, each unique, each has the potential to lift our faith, and increase our sense of hope for the human family. They await your reading.

May we each, in our own way, be challenged by the possibilities of Lent.

### **A Note:**

The role of the Minister of Visitation is to visit anyone in the hospital, those who are in a nursing home, and all who are homebound.

Sometimes I wonder.. is there anyone who has "fallen through the cracks" and should be visited? If you are aware of anyone whose health has changed and is no longer able to attend Sunday worship, please let me know. We would like to visit such people and add them to our list, so they continue to be an important part of our church.

Please call the church office at 262-547-2424.

### **Hospital Visits**

To make sure you receive a visit in the hospital, please list your church as Evangelical & Reformed (E & R) UCC, when filling out forms.

### **New Secretary**

We have a new secretary who will be starting work on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her name is Brigitte Unger. She is a mother of 3 children who will be in school while she will be working here. The office hours have not been set as yet, but we are hoping that she will be here for 20 hours per week.

### **Sunday School The Rock**

We are currently in the process of looking for a new staff person to replace Teri Launius who left with her family for Oklahoma in mid-December. Toni Perez with other volunteers are filling in, but can only do that for a few more weeks. We will keep you posted about our progress in finding a Christian Education Staff Person.

## **Circle of Friends Quilt Group**

*Heidi Pagel*

Circle of Friends Quilt group wishes to extend an invitation to any member who enjoys fellowship and or quilting. We are a small group of women who enjoy sewing and would love to expand our small committee to include anyone even if you have no sewing experience. We currently are working on "I Spy Quilts" (for children) that we are offering for sale to raise funds to purchase quilting materials. Our mission project this year will be constructing twin size "Nickel Quilts" for the Women's Center here in Waukesha. We are very excited about both of our projects. If you would like to see the quilts we have for sale, please visit our E & R Library. They will be on display there along with our book bags and custom note cards. All are great gifts for any occasion. The Circle of Friends meets every first Monday of the month at 10 am in the church basement. Our next meeting will be on March 1st. If you should have any questions, please contact Heidi Pagel, Ruth Ann Krause, or Anna Maile.

## **Pastoral Relations Forum**

The Pastoral Relations Committee extends an invitation to all congregational members to attend an update on the progress of the following key items:

- Our Mission and Vision Statement
- The Strategic Plan including the "Five Practices of A Fruitful Congregation" training sessions
- The review of our survey results

We will be bringing all of this information to you in an overview for all to respond and comment on March 7, 2010. This will be your opportunity to make suggestions and comments on the outcome of all the work that has been taking place over the last 4 months or so. This should be a very insightful meeting and we hope a lot of great comments and ideas will come out of this Forum that will be put into place for our congregation to move forward with. So please mark your calendars and plan to attend this FORUM presented by the Pastoral Relations Committee and your Council. Remember it is your church and you won't be happy with it until you get involved!!! SEE YOU THERE!!!!

## **Sarah Circle**

*Janet Perkins, Secretary*

Judy Russell read devotions "It's Okay to Laugh" from the book "New Day New You" by Joyce Meyer and

"Heart Gifts" by Helen Steiner Rice. Our hostess JoAn Lawrence served grapes, blueberry muffins and a cherry Danish. After a brief business meeting, we made Valentines for shut-ins out of construction paper and cut out pictures. Karen Lenz brought all the supplies including sample greetings to write on the cards. JoAn Lawrence will be handing out the cards during her visits.

Jumping ahead, Judy Russell brought pictures and prices of items at Touch of Glaze that we can purchase and paint at our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. That will be our outing. More details about that to come.

On Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at Sunset Family Restaurant for lunch.

## **Women's Retreat**

*Pat Kruse, President*

Our Women's Retreat was held on February 6, 2010. Our speaker was Rachel Inouye, from Elmbrook Church. There were 36 ladies that attended. Rachel's messages were titled, "Words, Words, Words, They Hurt, Heal and Affect Us" and "Life is a Vapor, Capture It." They were very inspiring and emphasizing the fact that life is short, enjoy it while we can, and be very careful what we say, as it can hurt and affect others. Some of her own personal life experiences were very touching, and something we all could relate to.

I want to thank Del Berger for donating his delicious soups and desserts. Del spent a lot of time preparing our meal and we deeply appreciate it. I also want to thank all my committee members for donating items also, and their effects in making our retreat a big success. Without their help, it could not be done.

The committee members are: Sandy Anderson-Payne, Ruth Ann Krause, Shirley Maile, Heidi Pagel, Rosemary Riemer and Diane Sinner.

I would also like to thank all of those who attended for making this a successful retreat.

## Spaghetti Dinner



It's not too early to start thinking about the **SPAGHETTI DINNER!** This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, March 7th from 4-7pm. Dinner will be prepared by Mia's. There will be raffle and auction items. Tickets can be purchased in advance starting February 14th after church, or they can

be purchased the day of the dinner at the door. Youth 7th grade and older and adults are needed to help with the dinner. Confirmation students can receive points for volunteering, but we strongly encourage confirmation students and older youth to volunteer as much time as they can to help our church. Help from Youth and their parents is needed Sunday, March 7th at noon to help set up. Youth volunteers are also needed for the dinner on Sunday from 3:30-7:30. Additional adult cleanup help is needed at the end of the dinner. We ask that volunteers wear red, white or green shirts, dark pants and no open toed shoes or flip flops. Youth, their parents and any adults can sign up on the sign up sheets located on the Family Fun table or contact Sue Sterner. Sign up today!

## Youth News

Our summer plans to go on a mission trip to Honduras are cancelled at this point. Some adults had expressed serious reservations about going given the latest news accounts about the dangers of travel in third world countries. Maybe another year.

Another possibility might be a **work camp at Pilgrim Center** getting it ready for the summer program. How about April 23-25. All we pay for is the meals. The youth fund might be able to pick that up. Type of work: re-roof a few buildings, paint a couple cabins, clear some trails and lots of smaller projects around the camp. Great and inexpensive get away. Bring a friend! Save the date. Let's talk about this at the Spaghetti Dinner.

We are recycling used cartridges for money for the youth. There is a green box on the south entrance closet shelf to put cartridges in. Recently a filled box was sent to Empties4Cash with \$68 received toward the Youth Group account.

## News from the Women's Guild

*Sue Manzke, Pres. Women's Guild*

Our next Women's Guild meeting will be held Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all ladies of the Church. If you are interested in coming but don't have transportation, please call the Church office at 547-2424 and we will make every effort possible to get a ride for you.

## Our Ministries Strong

Our regular offerings to support the ongoing ministries of our church need to continue being our first priority in giving. We ask everyone to keep their regular (**current**) giving strong.

Budgeted Income : thru January \$20,862.51

Actual Income : thru January \$19,202.87



## New Solar Panels

New Solar panels are being installed on the south-facing gable of the Church's Roof. They have been partly paid for by several grants including one from We Energies. These photocell panels will generate electricity which will lighten our own electricity costs and may allow us to sell some of it back to the electric grid. The solar company, Full Spectrum Solar, tells us that we should see a savings of \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year on our electric bill.

### **Other Churches Visited**

Members of our congregation visit other churches and bring back bulletins. This is a great way for us to see how other churches express their life in print.

Dan & Donna Steffen are attending church at the First Congregational United Church of Christ while in Tucson, Arizona this winter.

Russ, Karen and Amy Lenz worshipped at First Presbyterian Church of Port Richey in Port Richey, Florida several times while they were vacationing.

### **E & R Weather Watch Closing(s)**

Please tune into Weather Watch 12/wisn.com for any church closing announcements.

### **Rotating Coffee Hour Hosts**

March 7: Russells & Coryells  
March 14: Gathering Grounds  
March 21: Council & Deacons  
March 28: Youth/VanBurens & Sterners

### **Thank You's**

We received a call from Delores Jacoby thanking Pastor Jim and Rev. Schultz for their many visits. Also, thank you to the ladies of the church for their prayers and cards.

We received a thank you letter from the Waukesha Training Center thanking E & R for the wonderful donation of \$350.

A thank you letter was received from the Women's Center for the check of 500.00 and our continued support.

Another letter of thanks was received from the Caring Place for our donation of \$450.00. The Caring Place is an adult day care center.

We also received a thank you letter from Emily Pinzl for the Scholarship Check and our support of her education.

Amy Lenz also sent a thank you note in appreciation of the Scholarship check which will help her achieve her goal of a Food Science Major.

A note was received thanking Reverend Gorman and Reverend Schultz for all of their visits and prayers.

### **Noticed a friend hasn't been in church recently??**

Is there someone you have missed seeing in church recently?? Why not give them a call or send them a card...let them know you miss seeing them.

### **Pastor Wayne & Linda Adcock Update**

*by JoAn Lawrence*

Wayne's mother died January 8, 2010. The Adcock family took their fall (annual) trip to Texarkana to celebrate her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday and Wayne and Linda's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They totaled their car in an accident just before they got there. They came back to Wisconsin via Amtrak (much to the kids delight). Wayne's interim finished November 1<sup>st</sup> and he is now serving two small churches near Hartford where they bought a condo in May (Near Rebecca & children). They send greetings to all. Their address is:  
Pastor Wayne and Linda Adcock  
331 Simon Drive  
Hartford WI 53027  
Phone: 262-670-2671 home  
262-993-6008 Wayne's cell

### **Jesus Loves Me**

*brought in by JoAn Lawrence*

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow,  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still he bids me trust in him.

**Chorus:** Yes, Jesus loves me—yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me—The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are on, so slow,  
With my hand in his I go  
On thru life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

**Chorus.....**

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart he puts a song  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."

**Chorus...**

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won,

He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand his love.

**Chorus...**

I love Jesus, does he know?  
Have I ever told him so?  
Jesus Loves to hear me say,  
That I love him every day.

**Chorus.**

***In Loving memory***

Robert Boeck

Isobel Wray

Cathey Rennick

Linda Imig

***Evangelical & Reformed  
United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting  
January 11, 2010***

**Present:** Brian VanBuren, Pastor Gorman, Glenn Koehn, Joe Inzeo, Dan DeKarske, Scott Donovan, Mike Suchecki, Toni Perez, Sue Manzke, Rosemary Riemer, Paula Hillmann, Neal Brey, Ruth Ann Krause and Shirley Maile.

**Excused:** Shelby Perez and Dick Anderson

**Guests:** Sue Kultz, Barbara Golding, Diane Sinner, Heidi Pagel and Mark Maile

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Brian Van Buren and opened with a prayer by Pastor Gorman.

The December 14, 2009 minutes were reviewed. Corrections were made as follows: E & R will compensate Sue Manzke as an independent contractor, Youth Report: Spaghetti Supper scheduled for March 7, 2010. It was moved by Ruth Ann Krause to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mike Suchecki. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue Kultz

Sue reviewed the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Toni Perez and seconded by Joe Inzeo to accept the report as presented. The motion carried. Sue mentioned the auditing should be done this week. Heidi Pagel or Karen Lenz will be contacted to do this.

**Pastor's Report** – Rev. Gorman

-Will continue visiting members in their homes.

-Visited those in the hospital.

-Did a funeral, baptism and wedding.

**Elder's** – No Report

**Trustee's** – Neal Brey

- The sprinkler system check valve was replaced at no cost to the church.
- Neal noted that the Security System will be disarmed at 7:00 A.M. and turned back on at 10:00 P.M.
- Chi Omega of Carroll University has requested the use of our church for a Fund Raiser Chili Dinner on February 20, 2010.
- The Fire Department stated that we have to have an annual inspection.
- Also need the ducts in the kitchen cleaned annually.
- Neal Brey moved to have Gray Mare back for another year. Seconded by Sue Manzke. The motion carried.
- La Viña's contract expires on January 31, 2010. Shirley Maile moved to renew the Covenant. Seconded by Dan DeKarske. The motion carried. Brian VanBuren stated he will contact Dick Anderson regarding the renewal of this contact.
- Paula Hillmann spoke with the 7th Day Adventist leadership regarding the fact they still owe us \$100. Paula will follow through on this and will send them a letter.

**Deacons** – None

**Youth Group:** A question was raised whether this is a good time for the youth to go on their trip to Honduras. Maybe this year we can do a mission closer to home. A lock-in is being planned.

**Budget Meeting Minutes** were reviewed; Scott Donovan moved to accept these minutes as corrected. Seconded by Joe Inzeo. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

Shirley Maile asked for the use of the gathering space and coffee/tea makers on Saturday, January 30, 2010. A motion was made by Dan DeKarske and seconded by Toni Perez to allow Shirley to use this space. The motion carried.

Review the Survey and Focus on top Three (3) Items:

1. Attendance down
2. What are our strengths and weakness.
3. Pastor to initiate a survey on what hymns the congregation would like to sing.
4. Pastor to do more visitations in homes.
5. New Leadership and budget for music.

Heidi Pagel suggested that we have a **suggestion box** and the council would empty that box and go through these at the next council meeting. Then have the person who submitted this request attend the next council retreat meeting.

February 1, 2010, will be our first session on “**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**”. The group attending these special training sessions will be meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The council may be having a “Council Retreat” every other month, beginning January 16, 2010.

A motion was made by Rosemary Riemer and seconded by Scott Donovan to **adjourn** this meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Maile  
Recording Secretary

### **Joys and Concerns**

At the time of Joys and Concerns during our time of prayer each Sunday, most folks offer up those who are experiencing difficult times. But we wonder if our folks can be prepared to offer up joys as well as concerns. A birth of a child, a new job after a long time of being laid off, recovery from illness and the like. Be thinking of joys as well as concerns as we move into the new year.

### **Hope Center Request**

Hope all is well. We are in need of baby supplies for our layettes we give to expectant mothers. Layettes are a starter bag filled with diapers, baby wipes, baby wash, etc. that a new mother in need can have for free from Hope Center to help with her new baby.

Currently we are in need of:

Size newborn diapers  
Size 1 diapers  
Baby wash  
Baby lotion  
Bottles  
Crib sheets  
Baby shampoo  
Baby wipes

We are also in need of new underwear.

Men sizes 28, 30, 32, 34  
Boys sizes 2, 4, 6, 8  
Women bikini underwear sizes 5, 6, 7  
Girls sizes 2, 4, 6, 12, 14, 16

Any help with these items would be much appreciated. Please help us get the word out.

Thanks,  
Griselle Cruz  
Hope Center  
<mailto:gcruz@hopecenterwi.org>  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
502 N. East Ave  
Waukesha, WI 53186  
(262) 549-8726  
(262) 544-5584 fax

### **Haiti Update:**

*Heidi Thomas is a UCC member who lives in West Bend and represents the South East Association of the Wisconsin Conference, UCC in cooperation with CONASPEH which is the council of Churches in Port au Prince (which Heidi abbreviates as PauP throughout)*

### **We were there !!**

We left West Bend very early Jan. 11. We arrived in PauP at 4:15 PM-- then to St Joe's Boys Home for dinner-- the delightful Dance Theater Performance and a good nights' sleep-- left Tuesday AM in time to arrive in Mirebalais to settle in our rooms and have lunch.

After discussing the plans for the week we took a tour of the village to acquaint new trip participants with the whereabouts. Among other things we went to the orphanage to find out how we could be any help there-- and on the way back to the rectory we stopped at a little grocery store out of curiosity and the need for "snacks". Greg had checked out and I was picking up my bag when he grabbed my arm and said we "need to get out"

I had a strange sensation in my feet and legs thinking "I feel perfectly alright-- I can't be fainting" Turning around I saw boxes fall off of the shelves-- bottles fall to the floor and break-- and the walls "waving"--at that point I thought I was having a vision problem!" We all stood outside trying to figure out what the loud noises were all about. We then drove on home for dinner.

As we arrived at the house Father Jeannot said he had to go to PauP to get his wife and children who had been visiting relatives in PauP, saying he would not return until sometime the next day. We were without electricity and were told to stay out of the house until after 10:00 PM--(that is NOT a hardship in Haiti under normal circumstances-- a bit of a concern on this day.)

Eventually we were all settled in for the night by midnight or so.

Karen and I shared a room-- and about 2:00 AM the bed swayed--(aftershock #1) and I asked Karen if we wanted to get up and go out or what now? She, being dead tired said she was staying right there, I got up and checked all the other rooms and everyone was OK. We did experience aftershocks all week. They can be scarier than the quake because you don't know what more to expect.

Upon Father's return on Wednesday we learned that his wife had been on the second floor of a home and at the time of the quake had taken the children (ages 9 months, 2 years, and 5 years) to the balcony and dropped them down into the arms of people who caught them-- then she jumped-- miraculously no fractures but a badly bruised and open wounds on her left leg.) He had brought tents from PauP and by evening there were 5 tents in our back yard for people who had been left homeless.

By now we learned that St Joe's had been destroyed in the quake. What a difference a day made!



**Figure 1 a church-school feeding station supported by the money sent via Dick Anderson**

As we drove to the orphanage on Wednesday AM we drove past the hospital courtyard. There were well over 500 people in the courtyard waiting for care. Many had already come from PauP. As a matter of fact, we heard ambulance sirens during the night every nite after the quake-- and many other vehicles as well.

Mirebalais "grew" right before our eyes. Other area hospitals also received people.

Wednesday we went to the orphanage in the AM—Mrs. Smith was exhausted from moving the children out into the back yard and caring for them all night. We took the children out into the backyard to play. We had brought new toys and games. The other volunteers worked inside to get things back to normal and finish some paint jobs. Laura took care of an infant that needed extra attention. Karen and Greg with our translators looked over a pile of wrecked bikes that Malinda thought were junk. We found bike parts on a shopping trip to town and managed to put two together with only a bit of work left for the boy next door to finish the next day.

We went about our plans for 4H Club meetings through Friday.

Wednesday evening, despite us sitting by nothing but candle light, Manno came to play his guitar and sing for us for an hour.

Thursday's outing to meetings included a trip to the waterfalls at Saut de Eau. Everyone enjoyed the refreshing showers.

One thread that ran through all the meetings was that many families in the Mirebalais area had family members living in PauP and the anxiety of wondering whether or not they were safe was growing everywhere.

We never got to the Shelter-- (Home for Elderly and Disabled-- some with small children in Mirebalais) a place that could have used reassurance.

Youdy came on Friday evening and said the US Citizens (short term workers) were being asked to leave Haiti. We were to pack up and then leave at 5:00 AM and he would meet us and take us to the US Embassy and wait out the day with us. We did just that and arrived at the Embassy at 6:30 AM. A small group

had gathered, but, it didn't take long as more and more people came and the place got pretty crowded with no one taking control of the situation until about 10:00 AM. The gates didn't open until 11:00 AM. It was then that our Passports were first checked for citizenship. Once inside they insisted we down-size our luggage. I lost all my duffle bags and clothes, so did Laurie. Karen lost her beloved green LL Bean bag.

Finally by 2:00 PM we were taken to the Airport where the US Military took over. We stood in line, single file, for about an hour and 1/2 until we finally moved toward the Cargo Plane. Our VIP shirts kept us together during some trying moments that were separating our youngest from the rest of us. We insisted that if we couldn't all be in the count of 30 passengers on the cargo plane none of us would go.

There were 3 patients on stretchers attended to by paramedics all the way to West Palm Beach where we landed so they could be picked up by ambulance and taken to a hospital. Then we went on to the Homestead Air Force Base. Then we were bused to Miami for further evacuation procedures and eventually to the Hampton Inn Motel for the night. Next morning to the Airport where people coming from Haiti were given preferential treatment on Ticket exchange--(that was almost embarrassing, as there were many, many people looking for flights out !)-- then eventually to Chicago-- and home to West Bend via Airport Connection by 5:00 PM where the families were waiting at my house and what a reunion that was!

It was an incredible experience! Once again we learned how much faith, hope and love the Haitians inherently possess and it was really all they had left after the disaster. Helping others and sharing what little they had salvaged! They are, indeed, very resilient and very special people.

But they need our help-not just now but a long time to come! Here's hoping we will be there for them.

As always, Heidi

### **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

We will be discussing the Beatitudes during the Wednesdays in Lent, taking them each in turn. It will be a full worship service and our organist, Rueck Rucktenwald will be with us.

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| Feb 24 | Blessed are the poor in spirit |
| Mar 3  | Blessed are they that mourn    |
| Mar 10 | Blessed are the meek           |
| Mar 17 | Blessed are the merciful       |
| Mar 24 | Blessed are the pure in heart  |

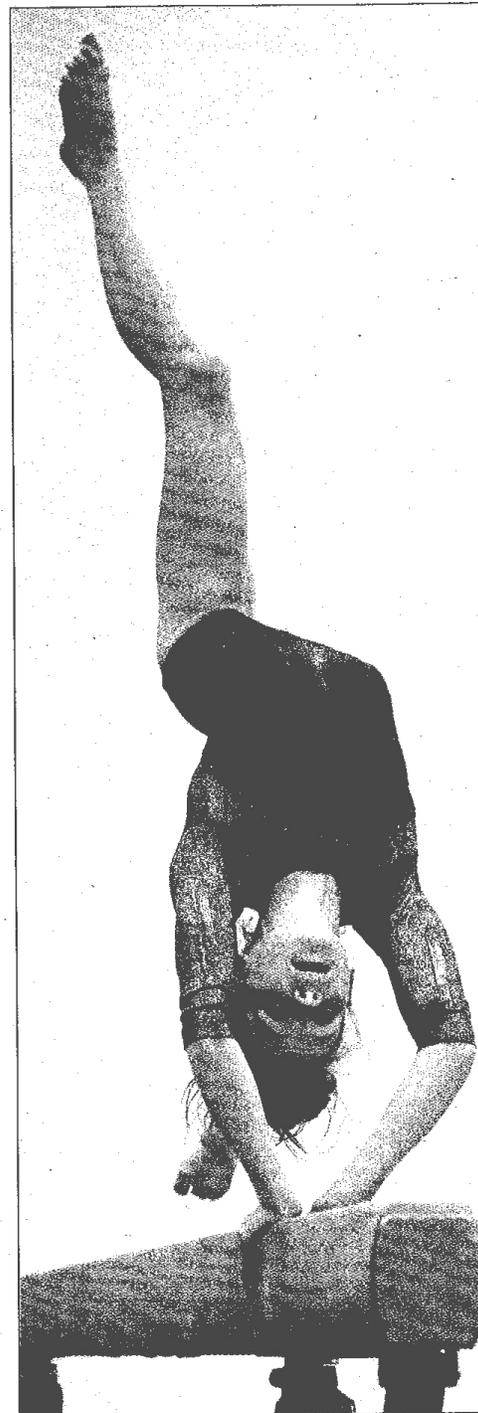
### **Sunday Sermon Series for Lent**

Pastor Jim will be working his way through the rest of the Sermon on the Mount.

### **Yeah to Sammi Jo Donovan**

An article appeared in a recent Waukesha Now of the Journal Sentinel that included a wonderful picture of Sammi Donovan on the balance beam at a competition at Arrowhead High School. Sammi attends Waukesha North.

## **Photo Replay**



SCOTT ASH/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**GETTING A LEG UP** - Waukesha North sophomore Sammi Donovan competes on the balance beam during the gymnastics meet at Arrowhead High School on Dec 17.

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