

# Glad Tidings

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Hello Church!

We have started this fall season with a bang! We are now back worshipping in the sanctuary at 11am. We have a young adult fellowship night coming up in October, 6 Wednesday night dinner clubs, a mission trip presentation, 2 potluck lunches, 1 fall clean-up day, a new website... (and a partridge in a pear tree)! It's wonderful to be back in full swing.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so they say. I'm wondering how we picture God, in our minds. We have more than a thousand words from Scripture that convey to us God's goodness and love for us and hope for the world; but, when we are at home—at work, in the world, or praying—how do we imagine God? Many of us may have a Santa-like figure in our heads: old wise charitable white man with a beard.

Surely the Church and Scripture have taught us other images for God: Father, Shepherd, King, Light, Healer (Doctor). Each of these images conveys to us something about who God is: God's character, God's motives, God's goals. But none of these images holds God's entirety. God is like a shepherd, but God is more than that. God is like a Father, but God is more. And so we need a thousand images of God to begin to understand God's complex truth. If we hold onto just a select few images, we forget that God is so much more.

Imagine that God is like your favorite knit sweater: it feels good, wraps you up in comfort, and presents you to the world as someone who is loved. Galatians 3 says that we are clothed in Christ, and so we get to "put on" Christ every day, like a sweater, to protect us, comfort us, and also to identify us to the world as Christ-ones. How are you wearing Christ today?

So this fall, I invite you to go deeper in your image of God and consider other Scriptural images for God that we do not use that frequently: God as clothing, God as fire, God as smell, God as laughter, God as laboring woman. Explore your Bible for even more images of God, and come hear the sermon series.

With joy, Pastor Samantha, wearing a light, comfortable Jesus today.



**FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER**

Jeanne McHugh	9/4	Kathy Peterson	10/1
Mary Astley	9/9	Hattie Baurele	10/2
Patricia Smith	9/13	Samantha Hudson	10/16
Mojisola Brown	9/13	Robert Rabel	10/17
Albert Peterson	9/16	Justin McHugh	11/1
Samuel Brown	9/17	Dan Berger	11/6
Stephanie Szabo	9/19	Sandra Lindsey	11/23
Marion Cumiskey	9/29	Lydia Berger, Sr.	11/24
Catherine Courtney	10/1	Marty Bockhorn	11/27

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the *Glad Tidings* please pass the information on to Lydia Berger.



***Mission and Outreach Committee Update***



**Mission Trip Presentation: Sunday, October 9th**, following the potluck! Stay for good food and to learn about our mission trip to Guatemala that happened early this past summer, from Clara and her daughter Carli. You'll hear more about the trip in photos and stories, and learn ways that Glading can continue to support God's good work in Guatemala.

The Mission and Outreach Committee of Session continues to stay engaged even in the hot months of summer. In early August, the food that we had collected for FAWN was delivered to them. Jim met the new director, Laura Crandall, and asked her if we could assist them in ways besides food donations. The food we have been able to give is a help, but they always need more. She said that they could use some additional shelving units to put their canned food items out on. Using Mission funds, Jim purchased 4 sets of shelving for them and helped set some of them up with them. They were very thankful and expressed their thanks to the church for the help!

**What's next?!** We want to strengthen our partnership with **Whosoever Gospel Mission**. That Mission runs a thrift store in Germantown. We are hoping to **collect donations for their thrift store**, so think about gently used clothing, shoes, small items/furniture that you may wish to donate. **Drop them off at the church by Sunday October 23rd.**



***Worship Committee Report***

We are celebrating **World Communion Sunday on October 2nd**, which highlights our unity in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. The idea is that all churches around the world partake of communion on this one day. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of the Lord's Supper, and pay attention to our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday started in 1936, and today, it is a world wide practice on the first Sunday in October. We hope you can come, and partake of this special communion.



**From the Deacons**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming fall Pot Luck Suppers following the Sunday worship services on

- October 9
- November 13

If you plan to come, please bring a dish that will serve 6-8 people. Join us for good food and fellowship!



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The large Sunday Bulletins will now be recycled. If you don't want to take your bulletin home, please return it to the podium at the back of the church after the service. The bulletins will be put to good re-use and sent to shut-ins to experience the worship service.

 Check out our new website!!

[www.gladingchurch.org](http://www.gladingchurch.org)

Find out about our mission partners  
 See pictures of your favorite church activities  
 Read issues of the Glad Tidings  
 Learn more about our staff

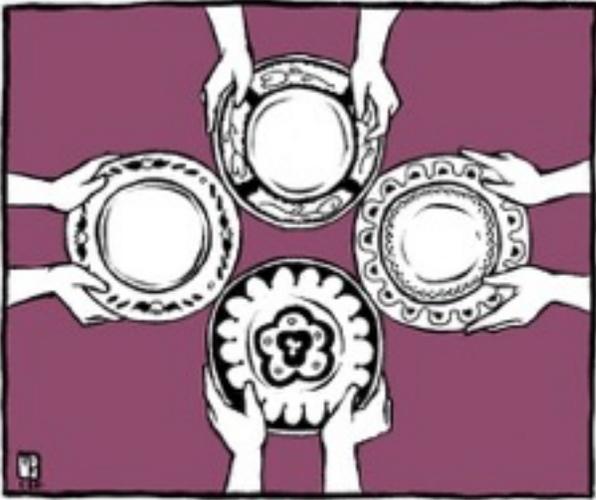


## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!!



**Union Soccer Game**  
**October 16th 3pm**  
 Meet at church at 2pm  
 Bring \$20

# Wednesday Night Dinner Club



Glading Church 6:30pm - 8pm

For 6 Wednesdays this fall, Glading will host a dinner club. Dinners will be served from around the world. Discussion will be about things that are going on in this world. We will learn about what God has to say about these things, and we will spend time in prayer.

Sept 21, Sept 28, Oct 12,  
Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16

No need to sign up, no need to bring anything.  
Invite a friend and come hungry, in body and spirit.

The September/ October issue of the *Upper Room* is now available for the amazing price of \$1.00 in the church entryway.



## OUR HOMEBOUND

JULIUS KOEHLER, CATHERINE COURTNEY,  
BETTY PELLER, IRENE GRAVUER, ROBERT RABEL, VIOLET ICKES



The **Glading Church College Book Fund Award** was presented to **Carli Hightower** at the worship service on August 16, 2015. She will continue to receive \$500.00 per semester from Glading while she attends college.

Carli had been attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania, but has now transferred to Temple University. We at Glading are happy to have her close to us again and wish her every success at Temple!





Did you celebrate? Did you find a Teddy Bear and give him/her a big hug? I hope you knew that September 9, was National Teddy Bear Day! As we head towards election day full of concern for the outcome and feeling that the world is out of our control, reflect on this from [www.nationaldaycalendar.com](http://www.nationaldaycalendar.com) - 'In 1902, American President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear cub while hunting in Mississippi. This incident made national news. Clifford Berryman published a cartoon of the event in the Washington Post on November 16th, 1902. The caricature became an instant classic. The Berryman cartoon of Teddy Roosevelt and the cub inspired New York store owner Morris Michtom to create a new toy.



Morris Michtom wrote President Roosevelt to ask permission to name the new toy a "Teddy Bear". President "Teddy" Roosevelt is inadvertently responsible for putting smiles on the faces of countless numbers of children and spreading hugs throughout the world! That's what I call a miracle.

When I was a child, I don't remember having a Teddy Bear because dolls were my thing. But when I was 17 my boyfriend (you know the guy, he writes "The Treasure's Report") made me guardian of his Teddy Bear before he went off to college. Now I don't remember how I found out about the connection between Teddy Bears and Teddy Roosevelt, but I did know, and as Dan handed the bear to me I called the bear "Teddy Roosevelt Bear". Shocked, he indignantly said to me, "Why did you call him that?" I told him the story and his response was, "No, no, that can't be right, ***I never heard of that!***" There is actually a definition in the dictionary for Teddy Bear and I showed it to him before he believed me and he has been fact checking me now for over 50 years (some bears are very stubborn). It was obvious that as guardian to this bear I was going to have to give it a lot of tender, loving care. His owner had hugged him so much that his fur was completely rubbed off in some places and there were some areas where the stuffing was coming out. He underwent several surgeries and an eye replacement and though he is doing well, he is showing his age and we have to limit how often he is hugged now.

My mother was my best friend as a child. We talked a lot. I was crazy about the story of Peter Pan. I told her that I expect to marry and have children, but a part of me will never grow up. She really got me and understood. Somehow my son instinctively knew that about me too. It has been years now since my mother passed away and it hit me hard. It was a couple of weeks after mom died that my son took me to a store I had never heard of called Build a Bear. We picked out a bear, watched her get stuffed by the fluff machine, put inside of her a box that says, "I love you, I love you," put in her heart and then she was stitched up. The name on her birth certificate is, "Nana". To this day, she gives me comfort and I give her hugs. The child inside me is beary happy!



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**From Your Treasurer...**It's that time again for another report from your treasurer and there is some good news and some not so good news. How about the not so good news first? The last report I was concerned about the new offering envelope. I was so happy that we were actually ahead of last year by a few hundred dollars and I asked that we keep it up through the summer months. Well the summer is over and there has been a turnaround in the offering. Instead of being ahead we are now behind by \$3,700 versus last year. We need to close the gap.

I also mentioned about our apportionment situation. We had \$556 in May versus \$508 all of last year and I asked if we could get \$200 so I could send presbytery at least half our apportionment by the end of summer. The power of the press. Presbytery got their money because we received a donation of \$200 specifically for our apportionment. Now for the next three months we need to concentrate on the other half. This was the good news section.

Not knowing what others are writing about, we have some cost reductions by having a "pop up" choir. Warren Norden had some major surgery and is now living with his nephew. Our fearless choir loves to sing. They have decided to pick out an anthem, practice Sunday morning, and when it is time to sing, POP from the pew, gather around the microphone, sing the anthem and return to their seat. They have only done this once, so come out and encourage the POP UPS with your support. Feel in a singing mood? Come around 10:30AM, get your music, practice and sing that Sunday. Who knows you may become a regular.



At the annual meeting we always discuss the "other" accounts we have with the Vanguard Group. For quite some time we have been withdrawing money from these other funds to meet our operating costs. This year the Glading-North Mutchmore account is dissolved. The fund started in 1997 with about \$90,000 and the final two dollars in interest was transferred to the Vanguard Pastor's Discretionary account.

I did it and Jim Wood was my Guinea pig. I went to our bank and set us up for banking by phone or computer. I set Jim up as one of our payees. I gave the bank the amount to pay and they mailed Jim a check. He got it, so the system works. I hope by year's end to have all our regular vendors set up. Samantha has been asking about direct deposit since she's been here. This ain't it. I can have a checked mailed to her house but I can't transfer funds, even with the same bank, without a \$16.00 a month service charge. Go figure. All of our employees will have their name on file.

This will be a new way of doing business for me. With a check book it is straight forward. You just write one check after another. There will always be a need for a check; however, we could have ten vendors paid before the next check comes along. I will be experimenting with ways to handle the audit trail for the accounting of payments. All this to cut costs by saving on postage and envelopes and the time it takes to actually mail the check. Wish me luck.

Clean up day is coming. At session we talked about getting the old light poles working. They will need some work since we want them to be energy efficient. If you have any ideas let me know.

A page is full already so I am stopping. Good-bye.



Just to expand on what the treasurer said, **THE CHOIR ROCKS** and we plan to continue because we have heart, soul and the spirit of the Lord in our voices. **AMEN COME UP AND JOIN US ON SUNDAY— I KNOW YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!**

**From Your Treasurer...** I called my wife at church while she was printing this addition and ask if she could "STOP THE PRESSES". Two weeks ago I did a message blast about the time change to 11 AM. I found out that when the your phone rings the caller ID shows unavailable on the phone or, yes, the TV screen. I called our vendor and asked if they could associate with our account name. I got a no for an answer but I also got a fix. The account rep said the fix would be setting up 888-996-3623 as a favorite number and labeling it Glading message. This way when your phone sees the number it would associate it with Glading. This is the only solution so far. She did say I wasn't the only one asking about this problem. For those out there who have never gotten a phone blast here is a brief run down. I have a list of 51 phone numbers. If something comes up at church like snow closing or special event announcement I call Concordia and leave up to a 45 second message. Once I accept the message I press a button and within seconds the message goes out to 51 phones. In about 15 minutes of trying the blast ends and I get a print out of who answered live or machine and who didn't answer.

The *Glad Tidings* goes out to 101 (the latest amount) addresses. Drop me a note if you would like to be added to our blast list.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2003  
**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

## Jesus is watching you

A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you". Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said "Jesus is watching you". He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot said, "yes." He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses." The burglar asked, "what kind of people would name a parrot Moses?" The parrot said, "the same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus".

## Lord Help me

Dear Heavenly Father,

So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen

## Community picnic

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

## Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

