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## DEERHAVEN NEWS

### SUMMER CAMP

[www.youthcamps.weebly.com](http://www.youthcamps.weebly.com)

#### JUNIOR CAMP

3rd -6th grades

JUN 16-20

“P.I.R.A.T.E.”

\$135

space still available

#### SENIOR HIGH CAMP

10th—recent grads

JUN 23-29

“WHAT DO I STAND FOR?”

\$195

Register by June 7th

#### JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

7th—9th grades

JUL 7-13

“GOD’S GPS”

\$195

Register by June 21st

#### SPEC

11th—recent grads

JUL 19-27

“REFRESH”

\$430 plus airfare

Register by June 10th

For more information, to pre-register and pay online and for a list of What to Bring, visit:

[www.youthcamps.weebly.com](http://www.youthcamps.weebly.com)

Rob Tillis, Larry Glaze and workday volunteers have been busy keeping up with the many projects needed to maintain the beauty and quality of the grounds at Deerhaven. Here are just some of the projects that have been completed recently.

- The outdoor chapel was refurbished after years of disrepair
- the roof on the Peace building was pressure-washed.
- Bill Wegner is finishing the children’s bathroom in the nursery building.
- Demolition has begun on the damaged pool-

shell which means the pool project is back on track and moving forward, with daily supervision.

- 8 workers came to the June 1st workday and cleaned windows, trimmed hedges, helped with dock repairs, painted the outside of the nursery building, replaced the facing on the chapel roof and worked on the nursery bathroom. Big thanks to Bill Wegner and his friend Chris, Charles & Jared Greenberg, Linda, Vince, Sydney & Julia Hesterhagen!

*Thank you all for your contributions to Deerhaven!*





# SMALL THINGS

JANE WATKINS, FINANCIAL OFFICER

## June

- 1 Deerhaven Workday
- 16-20 Junior Camp
- 23-29 Senior High Camp

## July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY— Office closed
- 7-13 Junior High Camp
- 19-27 SPEC

## August

- 10 Leadership Rally
- 10 YCC Meeting
- 30-Sep 2 Labor Day Reunion

For a long time I had a housekeeping mystery. The table at which we spend most of our meals has a glass top. When I saw the table, I just loved the look of it. Little did I know the labor involved in keeping a glass table looking shiny. After every meal it must be wiped down and then shined with glass spray. When you have a small child living with you, the underside also has lots of little fingerprints on the edges. I was used to wiping those little prints out from the first 2-3 inches underneath, from the edge in. But one day I noticed something new. There were little round smudges near the center of the table. They were perfectly round and appeared in a variety of sizes from tiny to not-so-tiny. Because of the table framework, they were very difficult to shine off. It required an acrobatic maneuver on my part to get to them. And I'm NOT so athletic. I wondered where on earth they came from. Was it nose prints from our puppy? Was it some sort of wicked condensation from hot or cold dishes placed on the table? As I continued to wipe them off, I was on the lookout for the source of these pesky little spots. One morning at breakfast my mystery was solved. Jordan, then 4 years old, sat eating a waffle at the table. Still clad in his jammies and bare feet, he stretched out his legs and put his little toes up on the center of the glass! Aha! The culprit was those cute little toes. He did this several times before finishing his breakfast. Those spots which were SO annoying were suddenly the most precious thing in the house.

Isn't it always that way? Sometimes when our focus becomes clear, the entire perspective on something changes drastically. I still remember a story told in a class at reunion about 25 years ago. One of the guest ministers was an executive of Outreach International, a church affiliate that provides aid to underdeveloped nations. He shared a story about his recent visit to a small African nation where Outreach had assisted a tribe of people install a cistern and pipes to provide clean drinking water. He sat next to the tribal chief who gazed out upon the land in front of them. The scenery included two large bulldozers. They had been brought in as a gift to the people by a large aid organization, obviously a very expensive gift. The chief explained how futile the machinery had been. No one knew how to operate them. They didn't have access to fuel. And so they sat, day after day, in the hot sun, a reminder of what could be if they could only be utilized. He commented on the much smaller gift from Outreach of clean potable water. He said, "Big things can be very small. Small things can be very big."

I have never forgotten that story or the impact it had on my life. Even when I feel that my tithes and offerings are meager, I am reminded that small things can become very big when utilized for the good of others. There is an oft-quoted line from American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." I'd like to toss out that saying when thinking about our giving patterns. I would say to you that nothing is more important than consistency. If you think your giving is inadequate, just remember that only \$5 a week is \$250 a year. If everyone gave just \$5 a week to their congregations and \$5 a week to the church, we would flourish! The world church would see a rise in wealth as would congregations. As the congregations' wealth increases, so does the work of the mission center since we are funded from your congregational budgets.

As you look at your own giving and budgeting plans for this year and next, please think about these two things: being consistent and giving what you can, even small gifts can be BIG. We welcome your toe prints on the glass. After all, they are the most precious things in the house!

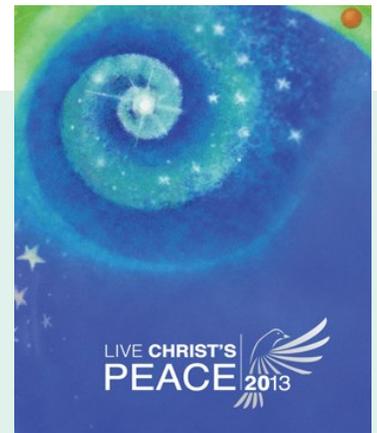
**FMC WEBSITE TIP:** Looking for an Evangelist in your area? Interested in inviting a Seventy to speak in your congregation? Visit the Shared Ministry List on the website, [www.cofchristfmc.org](http://www.cofchristfmc.org). Just click on Resources- Shared Ministry List for contact information.

# LABOR DAY REUNION

AUGUST 30— SEPTEMBER 2  
“LIVE CHRIST’S PEACE”

Plan now to bring your family and friends to Deerhaven this Labor Day weekend! The Florida Mission Center annual family reunion will begin Friday evening, August 30 and last through Monday at noon. Director Ginger Robertson is working with her team to plan for this multi-generational weekend. Rick and JaAna Schwartz will share their leadership and musical gifts. Christina Cooper-Foster is planning worship. An assortment of crafts, recreation and special interest classes will be

offered. You can also plan for the annual Talent Show and a Wacky Olympics. Childcare and children’s activities will be available throughout the weekend. So, mark your calendar and watch for the registration forms to appear in your email soon! Pre-registration is now open at [www.cofchristfmc.org](http://www.cofchristfmc.org). More information will be available soon in congregations and on the FMC website. For questions, please contact Ginger at [robertson041030@msn.com](mailto:robertson041030@msn.com) or (941) 756-8276.



*Register now for best housing options if you have special needs!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Leadership Rally**  
**Saturday, August 10th, 9:30am-4:30pm**  
**Orlando Activity Center**

All congregational and mission center leaders invited



## DGR HIGHLIGHT

OBLATION— BY JANE WATKINS

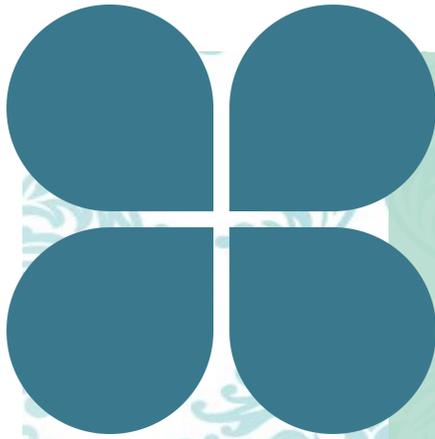
Did you know that all the loose offering money on Communion Sunday goes to the World Church Oblation fund? There is also a place on your envelope to give to oblation ministries. Oblation used to be a separate line on your Mission Tithes envelope; now it is included in the Mission Initiative category entitled “Abolish Poverty, End Suffering.” Now give yourselves a big pat on the back for being such generous givers. In a report on oblation contributions given by the FMC, we gave a total of \$21,103 to this fund. We requested assistance of \$19,980.75. That means that we gave enough to cover our own requests plus

an additional \$1,122.25.

What does oblation ministry provide? This charitable function helps people who are struggling financially with housing (rent, mortgage, utilities), transportation, groceries (food, toiletries, cleaning supplies) and medical assistance. I keep a file entitled “Love Notes.” These are all cards and letters from people whose lives were transformed through your gifts to oblation. They are heartwarming and confirm the depth of ministry provided through generous giving.

To you I say: Well done, good and faithful servants in the FMC. Thank you!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Deerhaven Events

PRE-REGISTER AT [WWW.COFCHRISTFMC.ORG](http://WWW.COFCHRISTFMC.ORG)

- Jun 1—**Deerhaven Workday**
- Jun 16-20—**Junior Camp**, “P.I.R.A.T.E.”
- Jun 23-29—**Senior High Camp**, “What Do I Stand For?”
- Jul 7-13—**Junior High Camp**, “God’s GPS”
- Aug 30—Sep 2—**Labor Day Reunion**

REGISTERING EARLY AS WELL AS CANCELLING EARLY, IF NEEDED, HELPS US KEEP THE COST OF EVENTS DOWN AND HELPS DIRECTORS AND STAFF PREPARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

## Other FMC Events

- Jul 19-27—**SPEC** at Graceland (payment due June 10)
- Aug 10—**Leadership Rally** in Orlando
- Aug 10—**Youth Camping Committee Meeting** in Orlando

## World Church Events

- August 23-24—**Health & Spirituality WS** (Independence)

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