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I recently read a list of children's wisdom called "What I've Learned So Far." Much of the advice was practical:

- If nothing is in the refrigerator, don't eat dog food.
- Never throw overhand when playing egg toss.
- Don't tease a girl if she is wearing boots.

Mrs. Wheeler's fourth grade class also added the warning: "Don't bother Chad." Sure makes me wonder who Chad is!

This article prompted me to think about what I learned at the Special Olympics Regional Games last month. Here are a few pieces of wisdom I gained:

- Winning is fun.
- Everybody wins.
- Victories are better when shared with family.
- Stan the Man has a Master Plan.
- It's good to have friends to help you not get lost.
- Sometimes you just gotta slow down and wave at the crowd.
- Even the smallest people can have enormous pain.
- Markers and glue make everything just a little bit better.
- It doesn't have to be lonely at the top – there's room to bring your friends.

I also was reminded of a truth I learned several years ago about King Street Church: our building is small, but our hearts are big.

Thank you – to the coaches, directors, families, and friends; to the leaders and planners and the "wherever you need me" folks; and especially to the athletes who teach us so much. We are so blessed.

As we have been blessed, may we be a blessing to others.

Peace,

Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles Ruth Tibbetts
Blanche Masi Harriett Mangels
Scott Merrell Roger Nelson, Jr.
John Jennings

Susan Loschiavo, whose husband Jim was recently diagnosed with brain tumors;
Linda Spione, in the death of her mother;
The family of *Mary Ellen Sanzeni* who recently passed away;
Michelle Chuisano, in the recent death of her father;
Val Fuller, whose mother, Marjorie Mascolo, recently passed away;
Randy and Jan Esposito's daughter-in-law, Courtney, who recently gave birth, is undergoing treatments for breast cancer, and whose sister passed away a short time ago;
Sue Mills, in the death of her father;
Doreen Cotton, whose mother passed away on December 2nd;
Ann Salamone, Christine's mother-in-law;
Marcelle Corsi, Shari Lynn Niland's mother.

The families of the victims affected by recent tragedies, violence and natural disasters;
Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families and all who are victims of war.

One saint's goal

St. Therese, who lived in 19th-century France, was known for her thoughtfulness and genuine caring toward people. She always tried to act in a manner that reflected Christ.

St. Therese wrote the following about her intended lifestyle: "That shall be my life, to scatter flowers — to miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word, always doing the tiniest things right, and doing it for love."





A Remembrance of Helen Humphrey

One of the blessings of any long membership in our Church is the remembrance of people who in their own way contributed to the mission of the church. It is a source of great inspiration to know an individual whose day-to-day living is an example of the Christian life, a testimony of conviction, and a witness to faith in the living God.

Helen Humphrey was born in 1906 and died in 1988. During her lifetime she saw many changes in the church and the community and in her quiet way, with great wisdom and tact – and a wonderful sense of humor – she helped guide the church through some pretty difficult times. She was only in her twenties when the Depression came upon us and she witnessed the decline in membership and the financial straits that resulted. But in those trying times she gave freely of her talents, playing the organ, teaching Sunday School, and together with a handful of faithful members, worked to keep the church alive and preaching the gospel.

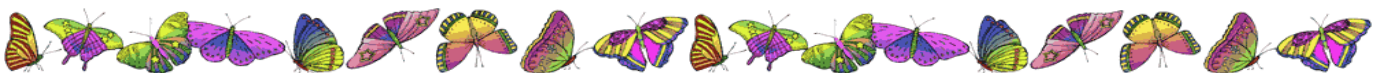
In the 1940's the King Street Church experienced a renewal. While appreciating the customs and traditions of the past, she was never captive to them but exhibited her adaptability to changing times and methods. One of her endearing traits was her ability to mediate in times of dissension, and this quality earned her the respect of young and old alike. In a church that saw a change of identity from traditionalism to a new progressiveness, from a small congregation to a growing and larger one, Mrs. Humphrey's ability to communicate, mediate, and inspire all groups within our church family was invaluable.

Today we remember with love this dear lady who within a lifetime wore many hats: clerk, organist, choir member, trustee, treasurer, president of the Women's Society, and who for over twenty-five years, founded, composed, edited and mailed to members, friends and neighbors "The Messenger," a news bulletin that served the entire King Street area.

In tribute to this devoted and beloved member of our church family, the Women's Society named its scholarship for graduating high school members "The Helen Humphrey Memorial Scholarship."

The above remembrance was given by Ruth Tibbetts on June 13, 1993 at the presentation of that year's scholarship recipient – Karen Lanzilotta, daughter of Anne Reichman. As we wait to hear who has been selected this year – 2009 – let's also cherish the memory of our dear friend, Helen Humphrey.

Barbara Westby



Ready for some old-fashioned fun?

Come to the

King Street Country Fair



Saturday, June 6

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Perfect Plants

Fabulous Food

Endless Entertainment

Colorful Clowns

Great Games

Beautiful Baked Goods



And More!!!!

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 7:30 pm Women's Society	2	3	4 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	5	6 10-3 pm Country Fair 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
7 9:30am Worship/Communion	8	9	10	11 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	12	13 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
14 9:30am Worship	15 6:30 pm Ministry Council Potluck	16	17	18 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	19	20 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
21 Father's Day Children's Sunday 9:30am Worship	22	23	24	25 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	26	27 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 1 - 5 pm Dorothy Day
28 9:30am Worship	29	30	JUNE 2009			

Always

God will always forgive us,
No matter how often we ask.
God will always empower us
With strength for whatever the task.
God will never forsake us,
If we stumble or lose our way.
God always is loving us dearly,
In a glorious and wonderful way!
—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



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