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GETTING THE WORD OUT

by Nathan Gladish

One of the main reasons to have a church organization is to get the Word out. I mean the message of the Lord's Word in all its forms – the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the theological writings given through Emanuel Swedenborg. The Lord gave us something very precious to share. Not only that, He gave us the means and methods to communicate the good news and spread it around the world!

Here is a quotation from the work, *Secrets of Heaven*, referring to the communication tools that have existed on our planet for eons:

"The art of writing has existed on our planet since most ancient times, first on tablets, then on parchment, after that on paper, and finally as printed type. All this was provided by the Lord for the sake of the Word. The Word could then be disseminated to all parts of this planet, from one nation to another, and be taught everywhere."

(Excerpts from para. 9350-9354)

Sometimes we share what we learn just with our loved ones, with our children, or in small groups of friends. Other times we have opportunities to get the Word out to visitors at church or during more public groups, lectures, and presentations. I recently attended a conference in Rochester, Michigan, sponsored by the General Church Office of Outreach. My wife, Élise, and Frank Rose were there, too. The whole program was well thought-out, expertly managed, and beneficial on many levels. I would love to tell you about the whole experience in detail, but let me focus on one aspect.

On Friday, the featured speaker, Tony Jones, gave a six-hour, interactive presentation on communication, especially how to communicate to more and more people about the church using new technologies that are freely available.

The emphasis of his seminar was on the use of social media – such as websites, Facebook, Twitter, blogging and free broadcasting services. He wants to help us

learn how to dramatically increase our communication with members and potential visitors. The point is to use as many tools as we can to communicate with as many people as we can about the spiritually life-giving message of the Lord.

As I listened to the speaker explaining how these new methods of communication can help boost our reach, I was struck with the idea that social media is a blessing from the Lord to be used for spreading His Word. Let's use these modern methods for the glory of God and the up-building of the church – to help people experience heavenly joy through spiritual growth.

Note 1: *As a result of what we learned at the Social Media Bootcamp, the Sunrise Chapel Facebook page will be undergoing a reconstruction.*

Note 2: *If you would like to help support the development of a social media presence for Sunrise Chapel, contact me. Find me on Facebook at Nathan Gladish.*



NEWS NOTES

by Louise Rose
& Billie Baty

Dear reader: If you have any news for this column, we would love to share it. Contact us!

GLENN and MARY ALDEN have been up to Vancouver to visit their children (and new little grandbaby) and will soon be leaving for Brisbane, Australia. We believe they will be back again sometime in mid-summer and then go back down under for a long stay, perhaps two years. Glenn will be pastor of the church there and possibly teach in their theological school. In the meantime, both he and Mary will be sorely missed here at Sunrise Chapel. It has been delightful to have them home for a while.

We wish a quick recovery to MARGARETHA DURKA who has had surgery lately. She has been attending Sunrise Chapel for several years and we miss her when she's not here.

HERB and DOTTIE RIDLON are having two amazing events this year. First, on April 20th they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary!! And as if that isn't remarkable enough, on May 20th, Dottie will reach her 99th birthday!! These dear people really believe in hanging in there. We congratulate them wholeheartedly and hope that if we ever catch up to them, we will be in as good spirits as they are. They have served Sunrise Chapel for many many years and we are grateful.

VALERIE THIM is still going through surgeries following an attack by a dog. We still think of her and eagerly look forward to the day when she can come back to us.

SUSAN WELLER has had back surgery and is slowly recovering at home. She wants everyone to know that she appreciates the loving messages from the congregation.

NATHAN and ELISE GLADISH traveled back to their previous congregation to take part in a seminar about church growth held at the Oak Arbor Church in Rochester, Michigan. Our pastor Emeritus FRANK ROSE was there too and was one of the speakers. They all seemed to come back energized by the experience.

In the meantime, STEVE and BETSY GLADISH flew to Boston to cheer on their son David who was running in the Boston Marathon on a very hot day. They cheered on thousands of the sweating runners. Dave finished within 4 hours, which is good on such a day. On Sunday April 22, Steve sang a song in church, "Peace in the Valley" by Johnny Cash in honor of his sister Liz Adger who had died the day before in Florida. Steve and Betsy will be going for the memorial service on May 5th.

JEAN ROSS (who is one of the great kitchen ladies who keep serving us those meals and refreshments) was recently picked up by her son Stephen Thomas who lives in Washington State, and driven over to California to see her brother who has had the misfortune to have a stroke. He had just retired not long ago. We send our warm wishes for his recovery.

NATHAN GLADISH was invited to provide the invocation for the City of Tucson Mayor and Council meeting on April 24.

We had a wonderful EASTER SEASON at Sunrise Chapel. The Palm Sunday service had everyone up and marching around the sanctuary waving palms. The peaceful Good Friday featured the reading of the whole crucifixion story from the Gospel of Matthew with musical interludes. Even the birds seemed to join us for the early morning Easter service outside in the wedding garden looking toward the mountains. Then came the lovely 11 o'clock service which ended with a rousing gospel song by the choir "When The Gardener Said My Name" (written by Jonathan Rose.) Afterwards the children had fun finding the eggs hidden on the grounds, followed by dinner served in Friendship Hall. What a rich and satisfying Easter season. A big Thank You to everyone who added to the celebrations in any way - and to all who came to be part of it.

Many of the flowers on the chancel lately have been from the garden of TRISH WANN, who is growing them for that purpose. She would like to dedicate them to the memory of her father, Dr. Trenton William Wann. Thank you, Trish!

Coming up on May 13th is a special service for Mothers' Day. We have a custom of presenting all the women and girls in the congregation with a little gift or flower to celebrate mothers, potential mothers, and all the blessings brought to our lives by the feminine gender. Come and join us.

Thank you notes are coming in for the Easter baskets that the congregation sent to our dear friends who could not be with us on Easter Day. Thanks to those who supplied goodies for the baskets, and those who helped deliver them.

ART SHOW

**May 5 from 9am-3pm
At Reid Park**

ROSE LEACH and TRISH WANN will participate in "A SALUTE TO SUMMER," an arts and crafts fair presented by the Tucson Arts and Crafts Association. Rose will show her glass art, and Trish will show jewelry, prints and cards. The show is May 5, 2012 from 9am-3pm at the Doubletree Inn at Reid Park (445 S. Alvernon). FREE admission.

A raffle of hand-crafted items made by the artists will benefit VASH (Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing), assisting returning vets to establish households. FREE RAFFLE TICKETS to anyone bringing cleaning supplies or new/gently used household items. Please show up and say hello to our artists!

FRANK ROSE

**SLIDE SHOW AND
BOOK SIGNING
Friday, May 18 at 7 pm
At Sunrise Chapel
In Friendship Hall**

Welcome to a coffee hour, with Frank Rose giving us a show of his spectacular wildflower photographs, as well as his pictures of the trees of the Catalina Mountains. He will also be available to sign his books - "Mountain Wildflowers" as well as "Reflections on Heaven and Hell" and other books. We would love to see you there.



**Care For Your Church Day
Saturday May 5
from 8am – noon**



Coffee and donuts to begin

THANK YOU to everyone who has attended these activities this year. What an enjoyable way to get some much needed jobs done inside and on the grounds of Sunrise Chapel. Were you part of the fun? Friends of all ages came together and completed tasks of all sizes. There is such a feeling of pride and accomplishment when we work alongside our church neighbors to make a difference on something important to all of us-the beauty of our facilities. So come along with rakes and gloves, dust cloths and buckets (or whatever tools you might need). Let's roll up our sleeves and make our church shine.

Contact Mike Villeburn for specifics on the job list. 548-6065

Follow-up Meeting for

Journey Leaders - Monday, May 14

Leaders of the Shift program will meet to discuss this year's program and consider plans for next year.

Meet in the Children's Chapel - May 14 @ 5:30pm

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUNRISE CHAPEL Sunday, May 20, 2012

The annual business meeting for members, associate members, and friends of Sunrise Chapel will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 12:45pm in the Chapel.

The purpose is to receive reports, to elect Trustees and Officers, to consider and adopt the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and to transact any other pertinent business as may properly come before the meeting.

The pastor will present his first annual report since moving here last July.

Another feature will be considering strategic plans for the next few years, including visions, goals and strategies.

Mothers' Day: Back to the beginning for all of us

Immense kindness is the first phrase that comes to mind. After God, who started it? Our mothers carried us for nine months, and after they sensed life inside them, during that whole time not a day went by that they didn't think about us, prepare for us, eat and drink carefully for us. When we were little babies, if we hadn't received our mother's constant love and attention, we might have had an accident or two where we might have become paralyzed, or handicapped, even blind. Our mother never neglected us. Men will never get it. And women will get it the minute they become moms. Every hour of the day and night, loving care was available to us. How could she not love us, adorable babies that we were?

Mom regarded us as more important than she. In addition, she saved our lives countless times. How helpless we were for years! Her sleep was interrupted every three or four hours, if not more. During the day she had to give up her usual habits and pleasures. If mom had friends who went out to dinner or out to movies, she stayed behind. She likely spent all her money on us, not herself, getting us the best food and clothing she could afford. There may have been hours at the sewing machine making us clothes. Who taught us how to eat, how to talk, and how to walk? Mom. Who made sure we got the best education? Mom. Due to her kindness, later we were able to study what interested us, whatever we chose.

Women's Study Group

Several women have expressed interest in getting together on a regular basis to have a study group based on books or articles that give us food for thought, and help us seek paths that keep us growing. This group is open to all women.

Time, days, and place will be determined by participants. Please contact **Elise Gladish** at 820-1284 or elisegladish@gmail.com to express your interest. Looking forward to your call and the opportunity to learn together.

~Elise Gladish

Mom was keyed into our social life; she did all she could to prepare us to have a good marriage, and to love our children. Mothers have a "knowing" or sensing that goes deeper than doing. They have a built-in guidance system that differs with each child—seeing where the child needs building up and reassurance, seeing in which direction they need to be led, and what correction each child needs. Much of mothering is proactive—using awareness and action before a negative outcome. Moms constantly want to set their kids up for success. Moms raise each child differently because each child has different needs, qualities, talents, and interests. Ahah! Now we see the kindness of all living beings, initiated by our own moms. Our day to day needs are met through the kindness of thousands of others, the farmers and truckers, doctors and nurses, policemen and women, and all our military warriors who protect and defend our lives, liberties, and the pursuit of happiness. We brought nothing with us into this world but innocence and

trust, yet we were gifted with a home, food, clothes, everything we need. Think of all the roads, trains, planes, and automobiles; cargo ships and cruise ships; restaurants, hotels and service stations. There are libraries and hospitals, department stores, mom-and-pop stores. People before us and around us all work very hard to provide all these things, and we get the benefits, even though we contributed little or nothing! All these things are available to us. This proves the immensity and universality of kindness. All we accomplish in truth is attained by our dependence on the kindness of others. And when we ponder on the twenty types of God-Based Love ("Love is patient, love is kind, love is not proud, love is not rude, love is slow to anger, love keeps no list or wrongs, love delights in truth...") all of us can be grateful for our dependence on God. He sends us the love and kindness which first appears in our mothers. If we learn how to pass it on, our happiness will be intrinsic, not based on material wealth and status, but based on kindness and integrity.

~Steve Gladish

From the Treasurer: Challenges and Opportunities

As you will note elsewhere in this issue, Sunrise Chapel's annual business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20. As treasurer, I invite all members, including associate members, to attend this meeting. Why? Because I'm pumped about the development of strategic plans for the future, and I want everyone to get in the loop. Your Stewardship Committee is working with the pastor to formulate these plans. They are not just financial, either. They are an amalgamation of visions and goals that have been discussed over many years, as well as new thoughts about how to serve the current states and needs of the church and the community. Of course there is a financial component to these plans, but the most exciting thing is to be getting some specific plans formulated and shared.

In fleshing out these plans, the hope is to provide clear steps forward that give everyone involved a sense of how we can achieve step-by-step progress. We believe the members and friends of Sunrise Chapel are called to a noble use – to serve more people by helping them experience heavenly joy through spiritual growth. The more people we take the opportunity to serve, the more we will also experience the heavenly joy of service, and the more we expect to resolve our financial challenges.

God is in control, and He still needs each of us to do our part. Will you be an active participant? Come to the annual society meeting so we can all be informed on where we stand in our deliberations toward fulfilling our visions and goals.

~Art Watson

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CORNER

Task # 12 Handing Life Over to Our Higher Power

Handing our life over? What a scary concept. Unless of course, our life is a complete mess! Then it's a little easier. We all love the idea that we are in charge, know where we are going, and how to get there. We are taught as children that this is the goal. To let go of that is a huge job. But what does it really mean to turn our lives over to God? What does He want from us? What is His message? How would He like us to live?

I think He wants us to just learn how to love... UNCONDITIONALLY: To respond from a higher place of love, to place the best motive on the other person, and to work on changing ourselves, instead of others. It's all about getting ourselves into the flow of love, and living our lives from that perspective.

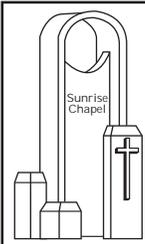
Unconditional love. I am shocked at how much resistance comes up when I really work on this. My ego tells me lies to support why I shouldn't just love. I feel justified in responding from the "basement." I don't want to change, I want others to change! Of course, this resistance comes up with all kinds of people in my life. How easy it is to judge the slow waiter in the restaurant, or think we know all about the guy who cuts us off in traffic.

If I really look at what the 12th Task is asking me to do, I know what God's most powerful message is for me. Handing my life over to Him means doing it His way. Not questioning, not doing what comes easily or automatically. This simple, but extremely difficult practice can act as a beacon for us as we toss around in all the conflicts and disappointments in our lives. Each time we choose love we are handing our lives to God, trusting His way. God promises us that miracles will then happen.

~Betsy Gladish

Sunrise Chapel May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Other Regular Events Tue. 5:30pm Self Defense Wed. 10:30am Japanese Family Play Group 1st & 3rd Thurs. 6:30pm Global Chant Fri. 6:30pm Buddhist Meditation	1 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	2 5:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg. 7:00pm Spiritual Growth Group #5	3 10:00am Coffee 1:30pm Arcana Project 7:00pm Men's Group	4	5  8:00am-noon Care for Your Church Day	
6 9:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Service 12:45pm Board Meeting	7 7:00pm Meditation (call ahead for info)	8 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	9 7:00pm Spiritual Growth Group #6	10 10:00am Coffee 1:30pm Arcana Project 7:00pm Men's Group	11	12
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20 9:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Service 12:45pm Annual Meeting	21 7:00pm Meditation (call ahead for info)	22 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	23 7:00pm Spiritual Growth Group #8	24 9:00am Territorial Assembly & Mailing 10:00am Coffee 1:30pm Arcana Project 7:00pm Men's Group	25	26
27 9:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Service Birthday Sunday AMC Luncheon	28 7:00pm Meditation (call ahead for info) Memorial Day	29 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	30 7:00pm Final Spiritual Growth Group	31 10:00am Coffee 1:30pm Arcana Project 7:00pm Men's Group	AA & AL-ANON Meetings Mondays AA - 6:00pm Tuesday AA - 11:00am Wednesdays Al-Anon - 9:30am; AA 7:30pm Thursday AA - 6:30am Sat AA Men's - 8:00am; AA Women's 11:00am Sundays AA 5:00pm; AA Meditation 7:00pm	



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