



Media Musings

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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,500 years of ministry. We hope this newsletter will help you get to know some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org. The Editors



We are still sharing the blessings of God speaking to us at Easter. Many of us were so encouraged to see people accepting Jesus as Savior in the crowded services at the various churches we attend. We also joined together as a community to celebrate. We started with our regular Thursday meeting where we first heard about the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. James Mumo from Kenya. They are caring for rescued street boys at Brook of Hope.

Next we transitioned on this Maundy Thursday, to a celebration of the Last Supper. Chuck Davis led us in sharing in the Holy Communion instituted by our Lord on the night before He was betrayed. We also had an African version of foot washing with the washing of hands. The following day, Good Friday, we met again to worship our Lord. Paul Zimmerman and Chuck Fraley shared thoughts on two of the last words of Jesus from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "It is finished!"



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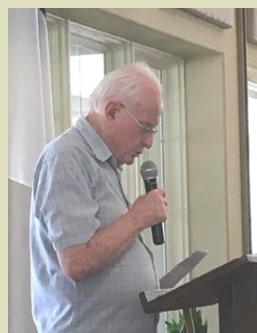
Easter morning, chairs were set up on the porch of the Manor for a Sunrise Service. As we gathered, we were surprised to see a SUV in front of the driveway with its back open and draped with grey blankets. Beside it was a round table on its side. We were soon to learn that these were the props for a small drama enacted by our own members about the open tomb visited by the women and disciples of Jesus. Some commented later that it hit them that the first to see Jesus on that great resurrection day were real people with real questions and feelings just like us. After a short devotional by Ray Davis, we fellowshiped around an abundant breakfast. The planning committee led by Jim and Joan Harding was just as blessed as the audiences to celebrate in special ways the death and resurrection of our Blessed Master Who has captured our hearts.

Jill Davis



MEDIA EVENTS

March brought a celebration of the “Wearing of the Green/Orange with Sally Christian at the piano, a trio (Jim & Joan Harding, Elaine Barnett), Dave Hornberger telling his Irish stories, and a duet by Jan & Mark Olander . Everyone got into the fun and there was lots of green and orange color. Anne Baker, was one of the food tasting judges. Our next event was the Memorial Day luncheon when we remembered those who had made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom as well as turning our hearts to remember all that God has and is and will do for us ,with Paul Zimmerman and Rusty Baker reading special selections. We concluded with a special farewell for Annette Horton led by Scott Hampton with greetings by Deb Ort and concluding with prayer led by Dave & Lucille Rondeau.



CAROLYN DEWEY

“Born and raised in Westfield, MA, I received a BS degree in Physical Education, Health and Recreation from Brockport University in NY and a Masters in general science from Southern State College in Oregon. I taught PE in a public school in Westfield, MA for 25 years, coaching track and field and cross country during those years. Working with teenagers has been a passion. Little did I know that teaching, coaching, working with Young Life and the youth group at church was God preparing me to serve with AIM at Rift Valley Academy.



God called me to a short term of 2 years to RVA in 1995-97.—which turned into 17 years!. My main role at RVA was to love on the kids through the venue of teaching PE, coaching and various activities. The Lord extended that opportunity of loving on the students when He asked me to step into a dorm of 20 Jr/Sr girls for 2 weeks turning it into 2 years. This gave me an instant family to love. Even though it was one of the hardest roles to fill it was the most rewarding 2 years. With God all things are possible! Some additional roles were athletic director and coordinator of outreach, both venues allowing me to connect with the outside community.

While at Kijabe, I adopted Old Kijabe Town as the community to build a relationship with. My sending church, WEFC in MA, partnered with me by sending 5 teams to Kenya over those 17 years. The main goal was to building a relationship with Kijabe Town working along side the AIC pastor. After 17 years at RVA, the Lord called me back to the US to settle at Media to continue to serve as a volunteer. Favorite pastimes are enjoying nature, taking pictures of God’s magnificent creation, bird watching, and volunteering. To God be the Glory.” Carolyn will be taking over some of Annette Horton’s duties.

TRANSITIONS

Evelyn Schulz is settled at Clermont Rehab (Beth Flack’s Sunday school class made her a special blanket); *John Barney and Hugh Coombs moved to Scott Manor. Judy King has come to be Caregiver at Scott Manor.



***Since this writing, John went to be with the Lord—June 4th**

Susie Hampton will take over some of Annette Horton’s work. Our prayers go with Annette who has moved to Spokane, WA to work with MAF. Thanks to Jean Olsen and Scott Hampton who are also taking some of those responsibilities.



HERE AND THERE

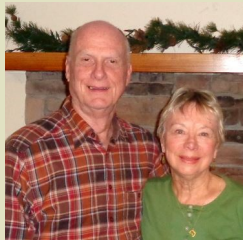
The Scott Manor ladies (Gloria Orner and Bev Tuttle) were busy putting together Easter gifts and cards for local Nursing Homes. MaryAnne Harris provided the goodies to fill the boxes.



Davis' and Hermann's moved into their newly renovated duplex



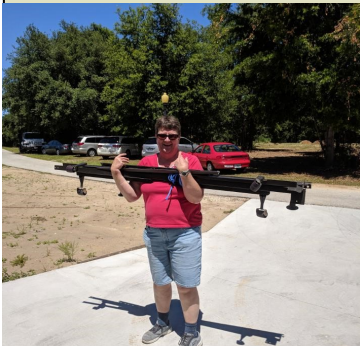
Christian's and Harding's moved into their new duplex



Everyone pitched in to help. Gloria Smethers carried part of a bed!

Many thanks to Richard Mulvany and his crew for providing these beautiful homes

“We give thanks with grateful hearts for all that God has done.”



Awards from Trinity College, Fl. Kudos to Dr. Peggy Bragg—given the Salt & Light award for service to church and community—and to Sam and Bonnie Thomas - given the Prokope Award—Trinity's highest service award.

