



### *The Pastor's Ponderings*

It has been a while since I have shared any news about Bonnie D. Dogge and our life in Cape.

Bonnie has been a bit lonely. She has always lived in households with multiple dogs, cats and humans, so while being an only dog has its benefits (all the best napping spots, no one trying to eat your dinner before you get it, extra snuggling and all the treats), she was getting bored. And sad.

Well, as a loving dog-mama I have been giving this lots of consideration. Bonnie Jean is a bit of a special needs dog. She is super sensitive and has anxiety issues. So I couldn't just bring any new friend home, so I have been carefully reviewing local postings about dogs and cats available for adoption, and while there were so many lovely pups and kitties in need, I couldn't settle my heart on the right one. Bonnie's Kitty Willow was a very senior Kitty who was the boss of all the dogs, even tho she only weighed 7 lbs at her heaviest weight. Bonnie was very gentle and happy to share space on the bed or sofa with her. I was hoping to find a nice older cat like Willow.

Last week I had the privilege of spending time learning about our church friend Kenny Werner, who passed on to be with the Lord last weekend. I learned so many wonderful things (the best of all being how people loved and cared for Kenny at Abbey Road and his adopted Priest family). I kept hearing about how much Kenny loved his cats and how Don Priest took Kenny's big old one man cat home to live with his family when Kenny moved into Chateau Girardeau.

On the way home from visiting at Chateau Girardeau on Friday afternoon I had a sudden memory pop into mind. I remembered hearing a story about another older man who passed away and left two beloved senior cats without a home. I wondered if they were still looking...

A few minutes later I pulled into the parking lot at the Humane Society and walked into the front office, where, to my delight were two senior black cats in a cat tower just waiting to be loved.

That night Bonnie D. Dogge met her new Kitty siblings Sam, a skinny 17 year old boy with a black coat splattered with white hairs and long Fu Man Chu whiskers, and Stubbs a black coated heavyweight fellow with a two inch tail and golden eyes.

Bonnie was pretty excited! And Sam and Stubbs wanted to explore their new home right away! Now both boys are getting used to all the new spots for sleeping, bird watching, and playing.

It wasn't exactly love at first sight. The three of them are not the best of friends just yet, but I have high hopes. For now they are getting to know each other's habits, and learning how to share space on the sofa and beds and on the human mama's lap.

Thanks, Abbey Road and Priest family, for loving Kenny Werner so well, and so long.

And thanks to you, Kenny, for loving your cats so much, and for giving me the idea to look for these guys!

Isn't Love Grand?

See you in church!

*Pastor Elaine*



*"You are God's field, God's building." - I Corinthians 3:9*

In our church today, we have the opportunity to build something miraculous, to plant seeds of new life. Where God's people have suffered loss, we are invited to invest in the future. When we give to Week of Compassion, our gifts travel to places where disaster or poverty has caused great suffering. Through our generosity, we empower communities to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; we support youth education and vocational training; we rebuild homes and churches and help provide needed supplies after disasters; and we empower women with skills to support their family and their neighbors. In these and so many other places, **we are co-workers in the kingdom of God.** Building, planting, watering—and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith.

**Week of Compassion Offering received February 16 & 23**



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**Worship Notes February 9**

**Attendance: 54**

**Regular friends: 9**

**Offering: \$1003**

**February 16**

**Seeking Spirit**

**James 4:8a,10 Romans 12:2 & 13:8**

**David Dickey**

**Serving on Sunday, February 16**

At the Table: Steven Piker (c), Judy Cureton (o)

Distribution: Peggy Bentlage, Jim Main

Communion Prep: Felicia Fox

Scripture Reader: Jim Main

Greeters: Barb Farrar, Felicia Fox

Ushers: Dick & Linda Hill

Abbey Road Adventures: Karen Piker

Worship Capt.: Dick Hill

Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

**CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, February 12**

9:30am Bible Study

6:00pm New Life Singers practice

6:30pm Movie Night: *The Peanut Butter Falcon*

**Sunday, February 16 Offering for Week of Compassion**

9:30am Worship

9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

**Tuesday, February 18**

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

**Wednesday, February 19**

9:30am Bible Study

6:00pm New Life Singers practice

**Thursday, February 20**

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at IHOP

**Friday, February 21**

10:00am ARCL: Genealogy

- **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO SERVE IN MARCH!**
- *Secret Place* devotional booklets for Spring quarter are available in the narthex.
- *Our sympathy is extended to Jim Stricker & family in the passing of Betty Stricker on February 10. Services will be held at 3pm on Thursday, February 20, at Crain Funeral Home.*
- **Found in women's restroom on February 5: pair of black gloves.** May be claimed in the office
- **Minutes of the January 15 Deacons' Cabinet** meeting are available in the narthex.



John & Deborah Browne, Luther Hunt, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Debbie Bradley, Thelma Nelson, Dawn Knoderer, Kim Farrar Frank, George Amick, Ruth Hopkins,

Bill & Iris Likens, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Ed Sheridan & Nita Brackin, Becky Tinsley, Felicia Fox, Pauline Filla, Tonya English, family of Betty Stricker, family of Dottie Cruce, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Mardi Gras  
Murder Mystery Party  
"Murder at Mardi Gras"  
Tuesday, February 25,  
at 5:30pm  
Bring heavy appetizers  
&/or finger foods**

