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A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

Surprising Spiritualities

I've always wondered why "*Christian spirituality*" so often is presented as prayer and Bible study. We have a tradition of diverse spiritualities:

1. *Benedictine spirituality*: "*Lectio Divina*" ("*sacred reading*") is a method of prayer that goes back to the fourth century. The process includes silent reading, a reflection and concluding prayer. Ginnie Jed and Clare Novak are introducing *Lectio Divina* at St. Patrick's Church on Mondays from 10:30 -12:30.
2. *Ignatian contemplation* as a Biblical pericope is read, the listener is invited to imagine herself *in* the scene. What is the weather like? What do you see, smell, taste, feel and hear? Is Jesus there? If so, does he speak to *you*? What is his message to you?
3. *Franciscan spirituality* emphasizes action rather than meditation or prayer. St. Francis of Assisi believed in preaching sermons with our actions and lives. Gary Thomsen and Bob Skidmore have been practicing Franciscan spirituality through their maintenance projects at St. Patrick's Church.
4. *Thomistic spirituality* appeals to those whose primary relationship with God is through thinking. In this type of prayer, you take a virtue or concept or truth and ask seven questions: "*Who? What? When? Why? How? Where? With what helps?*" (e.g., using the word, "*faith*" — *Who practices faith? What is faith? When is faith exercised? Why is faith important? How does one have faith? etc.*).
5. *Augustinian spirituality* uses creative imagination to transpose the words of scripture to our situation. We try to imagine what meanings these words would have if Jesus appeared and spoke them to us right now. After reading a passage, you imagine that Jesus is nearby and engage him in conversation.

God speaks to us in many diverse ways. Find the way that makes relationship with God ring true....

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Northwest Mission District Meeting

August 25, 2007

The Mission District Meeting was held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Carson City. Over 50 people attended, including representation from: St. Catherine's of Sierra (the new congregation in South Reno), Coventry Cross (Minden), St. John's in the Wilderness (Glenbrook), St. Patrick's (Incline), St. Paul's (Sparks), St. Peter's (Carson City), St. Stephen's (Reno), and Trinity (Reno). Camp Galilee in Glenbrook was also represented. Highlights from the congregations included:

Coventry Cross has received the approval to expand its parish hall.

St. Catherine's continues to grow with an attendance of over 50.

St. John's has finished their new outdoor columbarium.

St. Patrick's has constructed an outdoor chapel, which has been well received by the congregation.

St. Paul's is in the second round of the search for a new rector. They will not hire another interim.

St. Peter's will hold its 100th anniversary celebration on October 19th.

St. Stephen's is involved in a building project in their "back 40" in order to support community service activities.

Trinity is moving forward in the discernment phase of their search process and the interim time is winding down.

Galilee reported a very successful summer under the leadership of the new director, Stuart Campbell. The special camp for children of inmates was attended by 32 and was successful.

Other items discussed included:

The Communications Commission is expanding its website to be more effective.

The Diocesan Council is working on a strategic plan for the Diocese based on the vision developed by the Standing Committee. The four areas of the plan are:

Equipping the Saints-leadership development, better equip for communications, and methods of training.

Church growth & outreach-to enable people of Diocese to reach out to start new parishes.

Social justice-help saints to seek and serve Christ in the needs of other people, e.g. prison ministry.

Youth program-provide for an increase of youth presence in Diocese.

The Diocesan Convention, where the new Bishop will be elected, will be in Las Vegas from October 12-14. Our clergy delegates include Jim Beebe, Dave Mussatti, and Jim Kelly. Other delegates are Emy Gurowitz (Senior Warden), Bob Skidmore (filling in for Gary Thomsen, Junior Warden), Suzanne Gollery, Marty Gollery, Sharry Gollery (Youth Delegate), Connie Skidmore, and Nancy Joslin.

Each congregation was asked to appoint a representative to the Northwest Mission District Planning Committee. The representative for St. Patrick's is Connie Skidmore. A new Mission District Discernment Group was activated as of this meeting.

The next Mission District meeting will be held the second Saturday in January at either St. Catherine's or St. Paul's.

The new Bishop will be consecrated on January 5, 2008 in Las Vegas.

Reported by Dave Mussatti



An Everflowing Stream

Amos 5:24

In our baptismal vows (BCP p.305) we respond affirmatively to the question, "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people..?" Let us prayerfully live out these vows. The Rev Jim Kelly, President, Standing Committee.

Resolution: Encourage each parish to establish groups to discuss and act on public policy issues (GC'00)

GOING THE SECOND MILE WITH ISAIAH

Some day there will be a king who rules with integrity, and . . . leaders who govern with justice. Each of them will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storms. They will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land. Their eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people. They will not be impatient any longer, but they will act with understanding and say what they mean. No one will think that a fool is honorable or say that a scoundrel is honest. A fool speaks foolishly and thinks up evil things to do. What he does and what he says are an insult to the Lord, and he never feeds the hungry or gives thirsty people anything to drink. A stupid person is evil and does evil things; he plots to ruin the poor with lies and to keep them from getting their rights. But an honorable person acts honestly and stands firm for what is right. (Isaiah 32:1-8, Good News Bible)

This passage from Isaiah could have been written today. Society hasn't changed in three thousand years nor, more importantly, has God's vision of a just society. Serving the needs of all, with special attention to the most vulnerable, is a hallmark of the community God urges us to create. Then as now, the life of faith is not isolated from secular society. Isaiah clearly thinks it appropriate to comment on the conduct of public officials and the climate of immorality in which they operated. But he also looks forward to a better time.

Christian political advocacy is about hastening that better time. The Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN), a coalition of Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Catholics, follows the ancient prophets, Jesus, and contemporary Christian leaders in recognizing that our society functions in part through government. Although imperfect, government can be a conduit for social change. Thus, God's people have a duty to bring their faith to public dialog, to work to make government more like Isaiah's vision.

RAIN has helped make state and local government more open, accountable, and caring. For example, in 2007, RAIN supported the creation of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, which will examine Nevada's prison system to determine how to deal more effectively with current overcrowding. RAIN endorsed funding for local governments to find ways of helping the 15,000 homeless Nevadans and for them to recognize the housing needs within their communities and to take steps to deal with these problems. To cover more currently uninsured families, RAIN urged the expansion of health insurance coverage through the Nevada Check-Up program. RAIN also advocates universal access to health care, which it sees as a gift from God, not a commodity to be sold on the open market. RAIN urged the Legislature to make permanent the program for prevention and treatment of problem gambling with funds derived from the slot tax. Working together through RAIN, these religious groups influenced the Nevada Legislature; they hope to do more in the 2009 Session. This ecumenical alliance deserves praise for making RAIN a force in our state. .

(This article was written by Larry Struve, Interim Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry and lobbyist for RAIN. If you would like to join the Nevada Social Justice Network contact millsr007@aol.com.)



The Practice of Lectio Divina

Mondays, 10:30–11:30 am, Church Library

Lectio Divina—divine or sacred reading—is a method of prayer based upon slow, contemplative, in-depth reading of sacred Scripture. You are warmly encouraged to join our new group on Mondays, or to practice on your own. *Questions?* Please contact Ginnie Jed (ginnie@ginniejed.com) or Clare Novak (novakcc@aol.com).

Choosing a text for Lectio Divina

- Read from the Liturgy of the day, or select a book from Scripture and gradually work your way through it from beginning to end.
 - Find a passage that interests you during your Bible study/reading. Return to it using the practice of Lectio Divina.
- Select Scripture relevant to the season. For example, read Gospel selections about the birth of Jesus at Christmas or Passion sections at Lent and Easter.

Practicing Lectio Divina

- Lectio Divina can be practiced alone, with a partner, or in a group.
- Begin by placing yourself in a comfortable position. Take a moment to become calm. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you hear God's Word.

1. LECTIO

Read the passage. As the passage is read, simply listen and savor the reading.

2. MEDITATIO

- Read the passage a second time. As the passage is read, listen for or notice a word or phrase that “shimmers,” that touches your heart.
 - Take the word or phrase in by slowly repeating it to yourself.
- Reflect on it in silence.

3. ORATIO

- Read the passage a third time. As the passage is read, ponder the word or phrase that touched your heart, and ask “How does this word or phrase touch my life or connect with my need or longing? What is God, the Word, saying to me?”
- This is a good time to write in your journal, if you desire.

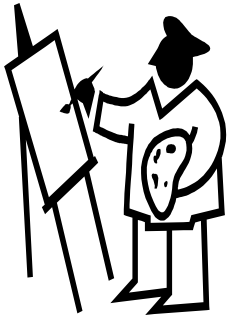
4. CONTEMPLATIO

Read the passage a fourth time. At the end of the reading, let go of your words and enjoy the experience of resting in the arms of our God of grace and love, our compassionate Father, our nurturing Mother. Savor the peace, the comfort, and the silence.

Conclude with your own prayer of gratitude or The Lord's Prayer.

Ideas for practicing Lectio Divina with a partner or in a group

- Take turns reading the text, or have one or two designated readers.
 - After Meditatio, you may share the word or passage upon which you have meditated. You may pair up or share with the entire group.
 - After Oratio, you may share your message by beginning, “I heard the Lord saying to me . . .”
- After Contemplatio, each member may choose to share his or her experience of resting in the Lord.
- Peace be with you!*



Artists' Receptions

Saturday, October 20, 4:30pm, and Sunday October 21, 11:30am

Our receptions honoring God's gifts of art continue as we celebrate the artistic mediums of Oil and Watercolor painting. We encourage all to participate in this exciting artistic showing, which, as always, is open to the community. Please bring your artwork (framed and labeled with your name on the back please) to the church office by Wednesday, October 17. We would love for you to invite your friends. Please contact the church office if you would like to use the St. Patrick's note cards for your invitations. Let's all turn out to support this beautiful ministry of art.

Musical Notes

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: tune: Royal Oak, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 168 Music later harmonized and adapted by Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)

Refrain from Hymn 405



As the days grow shorter, and an occasional rain or snowfall appears (in September!), our worship themes in late Pentecost turn to the big picture in God's creation: past, present and future. On Sunday October 7th, at 10AM we will celebrate The Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals. All in the community are invited to bring their pets to church to participate in a joyful celebration and thanksgiving for all living things and the Holiness of God's creation. We will sing special music including Hymn 405, and a choral setting of "All things bright and beautiful" by John Rutter, and an ancient canticle "The Song of Creation".

On Sunday November 4th at 10AM we will observe the celebration of All Saints Day to honor and cherish those who lived and died before us, and those who will come after. Special music will include the Ralph Vaughan Williams Hymn 287 "For all the saints, who from their labors rest"; and 2 marvelous organ compositions by American composer Leo Sowerby "Requiescat in Pace" (Rest in Peace), and a Prelude on "For All the Saints".

On November 25th, we close the church year with "Christ the King Sunday". This celebration of the church eternal, is full of glory, and enthusiasm, and of mysticism too, as we look to the future with love, hope and adoration. Special music will include Hymn 494 "Crown him with many crowns", and Olivier Messiaen's "Visions of the Church Eternal".

Lastly, our weekly sung candlelit service of Compline will be held Thursdays: November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. A light meal will be served beginning at 5:30 with the short service to be held at 6:30PM. Opportunities are available for individuals to lead sections of the service as a cantor, and for individuals to ring hand bells. Some rehearsal in advance of the dates will be required to prepare for this leadership role.

Please invite your friends to join the members of St. Patrick's for these special occasions.

David Brock, director of music

St. Patrick's Three New Goals: 2007-2012

- * Growth that is spiritual & numerical***
- * Outreach centered on MDG's***
- * Debt retirement.***





KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS



Do you love to knit or crochet? Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday From 1—3 p.m. in the church library!

A milestone was reached by the guild in September! The group began in September, 2002, so for the last **five years** (!) the members have knitted and crocheted warm clothing and blankets for North Tahoe families. To celebrate this 5 year milestone, the guild members had a little party on September 19th during their regular meeting. Refreshments were served, and members surprised Peggy Harrison with a decorated cake saying, "Thanks to you, Peggy!".

Balloons adorned the library and a festive air prevailed. The ladies laughed over some of the funny things that have happened and shared thoughts of what it has meant to them to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor. Jim Beebe and Dave Musatti stopped by and Peggy thanked them profusely, on behalf of the Knitters Guild, for the use of the library all these years. Jim congratulated the women on their wonderful outreach efforts.

Several guild members had assembled a lovely scrapbook and presented it to Peggy, along with thanks for her leadership of the guild. The scrapbook is filled with pictures, notes, newspaper articles and other memorabilia Peggy collected over the last 5 years. It will be treasured!

Peggy then thanked the members for their steadfast participation and read this poem (attached) she wrote about the Knitters Guild. All in all, it was a very special day!

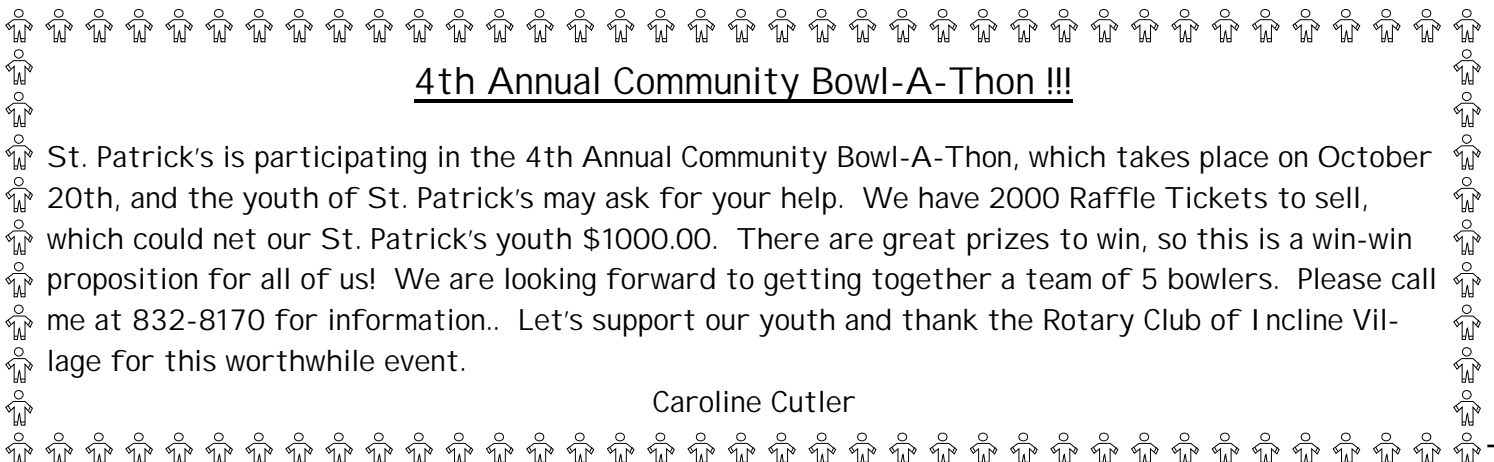
In August, 47 items (scarves, sweaters, socks, mittens and blankets) were delivered to the Kings Beach Family Resource Center, and in September, 6 more lap robes were taken to Tahoe Forest Hospice for their hospice and long-term care patients. The guild was told how grateful the recipients of the blankets are; some are moved to tears to think that others care enough about them to create such lovely gifts that warm their bodies and souls.

Several guild members began weekly knitting classes in September for fourth and fifth graders at Incline Elementary School. This is the second year classes have been offered by the guild, so returning students are learning more advanced skills and the new students are being taught the basic stitches of knit and purl and how to cast on stitches. All the children are very eager learners and have lots of ambitious ideas of what they'd like to accomplish this year.

Donations of yarn and needles are always appreciated, and you can be sure they will be put to good use. The supplies can be left at the office or put in the church library closet; please put your name on them, though, so we can thank you!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site for the group is www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/. Please contact Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 if you would like further information.

Peggy Harrison



4th Annual Community Bowl-A-Thon !!!

 St. Patrick's is participating in the 4th Annual Community Bowl-A-Thon, which takes place on October 20th, and the youth of St. Patrick's may ask for your help. We have 2000 Raffle Tickets to sell, which could net our St. Patrick's youth \$1000.00. There are great prizes to win, so this is a win-win proposition for all of us! We are looking forward to getting together a team of 5 bowlers. Please call me at 832-8170 for information.. Let's support our youth and thank the Rotary Club of Incline Village for this worthwhile event.

 Caroline Cutler



Ode to the Knitters Guild of Incline Village

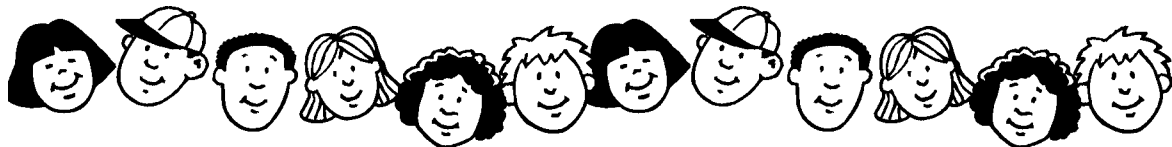
By Peggy Harrison

*Five years ago in September
Most of you do remember,
We ladies who like to knit
(And didn't want just to sit!)
Began to make some clothes.
We had such fun, Heaven knows,
'Cause we gave them all to those
Who needed to warm fingers and toes.*

*Now we make robes for laps;
Then people can enjoy their naps.
Chemo caps are knitted, too,
So cancer patients won't be blue.
Lots of babies get their share
Of clothes that show we care:
Blankets, hats and sweaters, too,
And we include their booties new.*

*Each newborn also gets a toy,
Whether the child be girl or boy.
We're giving lessons to kids at school.
They think knitting's really cool!
Their skills may be meager,
But, boy, oh boy, they sure are eager!
We pass around our pattern books
So others can have lots of looks.*

*If a stitch is giving trouble,
Someone'll help...on the double!
The Knitters Guild has grown
And we are very well known;
We've made a lot of friendships true
Since we began in two thousand two;
We'll look forward to many years more
Of giving to others...that's for sure!*



New Godly Play Stories for St. Patrick's Children

Godly Play began on Saturday, September 15th after the 5:30 Saturday Night Alive service. This year the class will include children from age 3 to age 8. We will follow the same schedule as last year; children attend the 5:30 service, family dinner in the church library is from 6:30 to 6:45, then the children will follow our "crucifer" and "acolyte" downstairs to classroom number 2.

We are very excited about the new stories which we have purchased. We will be repeating some of our former stories and we've added several new stories to our curriculum. We will be telling the story of Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel (the children will love this one), and Isaiah. We will also be making object boxes with the children. We hope the children will enjoy telling their own story. We are looking forward to greeting our former students and meeting some potential new students. Please come and visit our lovely classroom. You'll see the stories arranged on shelves and also get to see all the craft materials available to the class. We all like to play in a Godly way!

Deb Beebe and Judy Morrison



Security Tips from Maria Neve

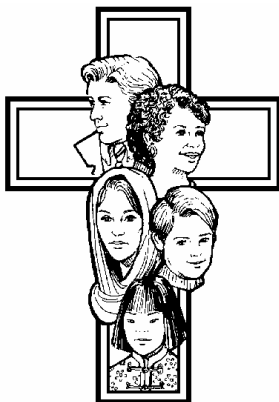
This is good advice that came to one of my daughters from a Corporate Attorney that had his billfold stolen. Anything like this can be helpful in the crazy world we live in currently. It will get better but in the meantime it will pay to be safe.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a P.O. Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card Numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation.

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7.. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. Now, here are the numbers you always need:

- 1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 800-6807289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line):800-269-0271



Anybody have a good name for our new outdoor chapel?

St. Pat's has an indoor Chapel, officially known as "The Chapel." But now we have an outdoor Chapel, too. Here's the chance of a lifetime: ***Name That Chapel!*** (So far we have *Chapel Under the Pines, Nature's Sanctuary, Evergreen Chapel, Sierra Sanctuary, Chapel of the Creation, Chapel of All Creatures, Curragh, Gathering Garden, Prayers in the Pines, St. Columba Chapel, St. Aidan Chapel, and Strotz Chapel*). Send your ideas to: www.office@tahoeepiscopal.org



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



Women's Fellowship

The Women of St. Patrick's are having a "Tapas Party" at Judy and Don Morrison's on October 5th at 5:30 P.M. Bring your most delicious tapas (aka hor d'oeuvres) and your spouse or a guest for a fun time to kick off the Columbus Day weekend!

Call Judy at 831-1564 or Connie Skidmore at 831-6289 for questions and sign up.

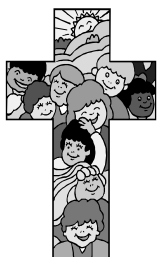
OUTREACH TEAM REPORT

During the summer months Cherry Barney, Deb Beebe, Marilyn Johnston and Connie Skidmore met as an appointed St. Patrick's Outreach Team to research, discuss and recommend several organizations to receive our church's already collected outreach funds. The group adopted guidelines, decided on the groups through which to disburse the funds in third world countries, what programs would be supported and recommended to the Vestry allocation of MDG funding collected to four specific organizations:

\$2,000	to Hoste Hainse Education/Schools in southern Nepal
2,000	to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for a clean water program
2,000	to Heifer International, Inc., to help provide sustainable living for people in need; i.e., a heifer, goats, sheep, chickens
800	to Little Roses School and Home in Honduras specifically for abandoned and homeless girls.
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\$6,800	Total allocated

This \$6,800 is the latest funding from St. Patrick's to fulfill our pledge to the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2007. Earlier in 2007 St. Patrick's congregation had given a total of \$8,295 to Food for the Poor, Inc. (\$3,195) and to provide treated mosquito nets for a village in Africa (\$2,500). (\$2,600) for a house in Nicaragua. You will hear more about these funded programs and other opportunities for outreach giving in the months to come. Our MDG total for 2007 was \$15,095.

Connie Skidmore



Operation Christmas Child will be here soon! More will be announced in upcoming church bulletins. We can look forward to our yearly participation in this worthwhile international gift of giving.



Junior Warden's Report

The maintenance volunteers at St. Patrick's have had a busy summer. You can't miss seeing some of the big projects like our resurfaced parking lot and outdoor chapel, but a lot of other projects have also been completed as well. The kitchen was cleaned top to bottom (thanks to Connie and Bob Skidmore).

The newly installed soffit, under the deck, was painted by Jim Jervey's crew. The many other completed repairs, 20 to 30 by my count, would make for a long list, but don't get the idea that they are all done for the year.

If you would like to get involved, don't hesitate to give me a call (Gary Thomsen 831-8968 or Gary@TahoeThomsens.com). In closing, I would like to give a special "thank you" to Bob Skidmore, who is at the church almost everyday of the week, fixing or cleaning something.



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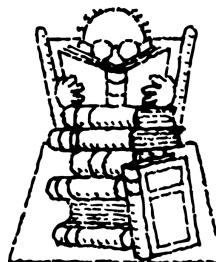
THANK YOU MARIA!

The Art Committee would like to say a very big Thank You! To Maria Neve for her **tremendous** help, support, and input in making our August Quilt Show such a wonderful success!!!

Lainie, Deb and Caroline
Art Committee

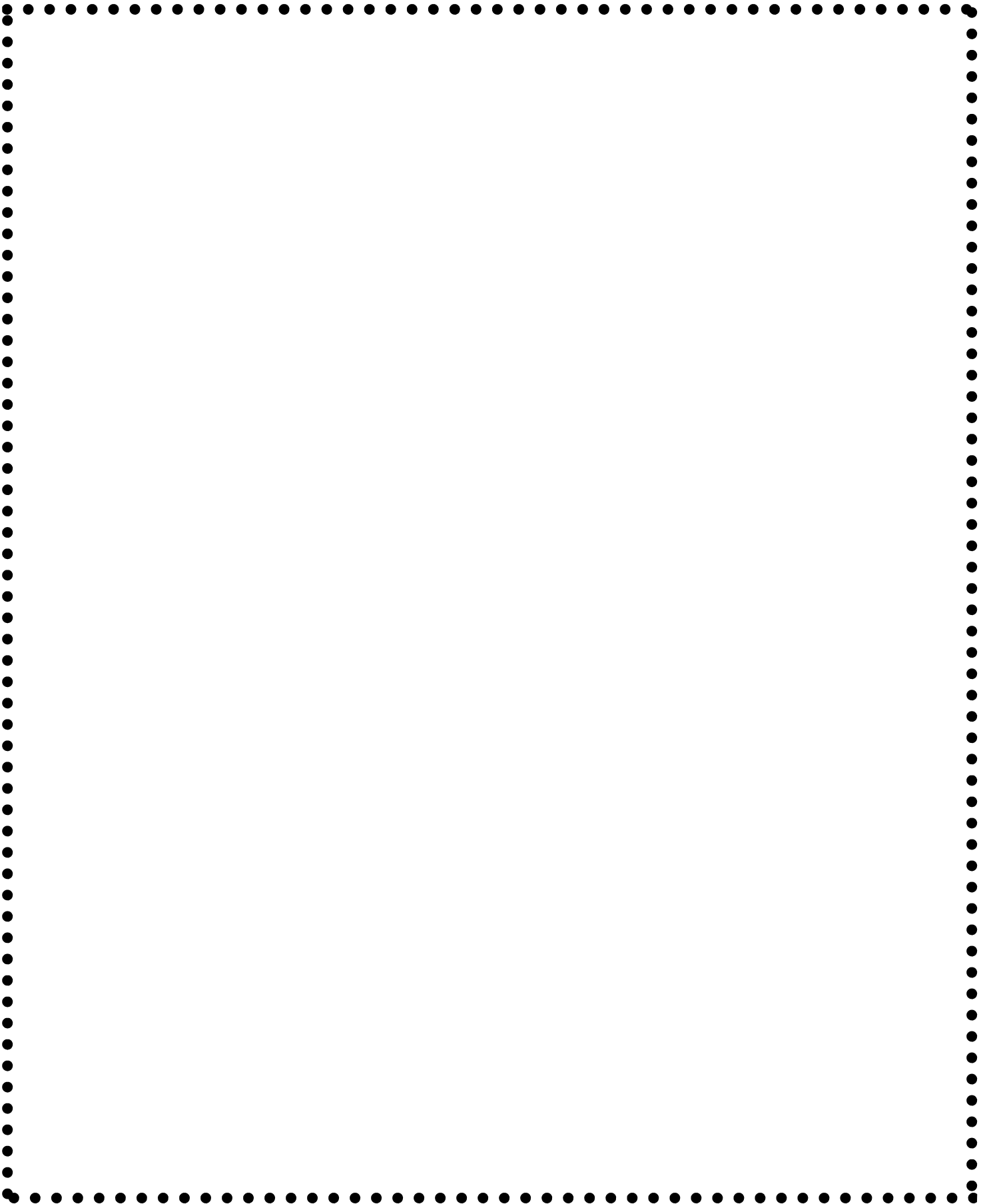
Our Library Continues to Grow!

We are delighted at the many recent book donations to our church library. Topics including: Jesus and Healing, Prayer, Meditation, History, and Fiction. We wish to thank the anonymous donors for their generosity!





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