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The President's Pulpit

A lot has been going on since the last newsletter and I need to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed. Firstly, the newsletter itself is a subject for consideration. As things stand right now, there is no Newsletter Editor. Marilyn Bell asked to be relieved of that duty for personal reasons and I have granted her request. Therefore, until someone steps forth and takes over that position, you are stuck with me. I may not stick to a regular publication schedule since I already have a job, so to speak...

Let's back up a bit now. Just to bring everyone up to date on everything in case you haven't made it to a recent service or other Fellowship event, I will present a brief recap of events since I took office. It has been a trifle busy.

One week after I "officially" took office Chuck resigned. By now he has said his farewell in his last service and introduced all of us to his new wife, Nancy. Yep, that's right, Nancy. It seems that they have known each other for ages and recently got together again—permanently. Chuck is currently in the process of selling his home and moving in with his new bride in her home located in Chuckey, TN. Yep, that's right, Chuckey. She holds a professorship in the area and, unlike Chuck, would not be able

to easily find another position.

Fast forward two weeks. Lightning hit the Fellowship house, raining bricks from our chimney down upon the cars parked in the side lot below it. Our insurance company has overseen the repair of the chimney and very effectively neutralized all claims against us, getting all parties concerned to treat the event as "an act of God" with no liability on our part.

It seems that bad things really do come in threes. The next thing that happened was very disturbing. It generated a huge amount of discussion at an Executive Committee meeting with the result that an announcement was mandated. It was to be, and has been, read at a service and to appear in the newsletter. This, then, satisfies that mandate:

Vigilance Announcement

By direction of the Executive Committee, I am instructed to make the following announcement:

After a recent service, certain events transpired that led to the identification of an instance of theft in Fellowship House. As a result, certain security measures were authorized by the Executive Committee which

you will see implemented over the next couple of weeks. Additionally, we are asking all members, visitors and guests to commence being more observant while at any and all Fellowship functions.

The individual responsible for the incident in question has been identified and steps to insure that it will not be repeated have been authorized by the Executive Committee. Sadly, our former state of naiveté must not be allowed to return despite any immediate resolution of this situation. We must all form a habit of awareness of our surroundings.

M.D. Wilson, President
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On a much happier note, Ryan Smith has returned to us and is now scheduled to play for the first service of the month, except for those already allocated to other presentations. (Connie is usually scheduled for the third service of the month.) In addition to that, Ryan has begun making much needed repairs to the building on a cost plus time basis. The gutter on the front porch knocked down by branches falling in last January's ice storm has been fixed and he is in the process of patching the cement on the porch and elsewhere. Thanks, Ryan.

Coming full circle, back to the newsletter. I would like to know how many of you would be willing to ease the strain on the budget (and me) by accepting delivery of the newsletter via email. This reduces the number of pages to be printed and stamps to post the finished product. If you are comfortable with email delivery, please send me an email to that effect and I will henceforth send you a copy as soon as it goes to press. The rest of you will have the opportunity to

pick up your copy at the following service, thereby reducing postage costs.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Kerry Snyder—October 22
Mary Beth Siferd—October 26
Adaline's Children:
Abby—October 11
Ben—October 7

Anniversaries

Kerry Snyder—October 18

If I missed your birthday or anniversary it is because I was not aware of it. Please inform me of same and I will add your information to the list.

Event Schedule

October

16 -- Rev. Richard Venus - *A Free Path & Children's Talk*

After Service - Potluck/Carry-in.

7:30 pm - Rainbow Fellowship - *Home Coming*

17 -- 7:30 pm - Search Committee - Board Room at Fellowship House - First Working Meeting (Closed)

21 -- 7:30 pm - PFLAG Meeting

22 -- Saturday Night Live - Louise's

23 -- John Bell - *Imperfect God*

12:15 pm - Executive Committee Meeting - Fellowship House - bring sack lunch!

7:30 pm - Rainbow Fellowship - *Another Year Wiser*

30 -- Louise Daniels - *Out of the Flames*

7:30 pm - Rainbow Fellowship - *Trick or Treat*

Full Schedule at <http://www.uulima.org>