

COURIER

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I sat down to ponder my article for The Courier, the newsletter from Auburn Seminary in New York City arrived on my desk. Their president of thirty years, Barbara Wheeler, is stepping down to head the Center for the Study of Theological Education. She has words about her vision that are thought-provoking for every congregation in the midst of transition in our rapidly-changing political, economic, and religious landscape. She challenges us to ask how we can offer faithful leadership in times of great change.

She begins by telling of a noted theology professor from Princeton Seminary who over 150 years ago said that from a strict Calvinist perspective Auburn was a little “swerved.” She continues that 30 years ago “theological education needed institutions enough off-center to unsettle religious groups still complacent from their huge success after World War II and to raise fresh questions.” Her goal has been to be both “centered and swerved.”

In those same 30 years these same religious groups have lost over 30% of their membership, primarily because they remained complacent and clung to their past success. In my experience, too much of what congregations fight about has been a diversion reminiscent of rearranging chairs on the Titanic.

One of Auburn's commitments in the last decade has been to “wage holy peace” by bringing Jews, Muslims, and Christians together to listen and learn from one another, to build relationships, and to build a community of peace rooted in mutual respect and growing trust. One of their programs called *Face to Face*, gathers together young people from the three Abrahamic faiths for international, interfaith leadership programs.

A second program offers coaching for clergy who work in this rapidly changing world and must often “have a difficult message to communicate and, in order to do their work with wisdom and intelligence, have to step back and reflect and evaluate. Coaching provides a kind of ‘sacred container’ or space to discern and test the Spirit's leading with someone who can ask hard questions and give thoughtful encouragement.

“One pastor experienced discussion and dissension on her board as threatening. Her old habit was to quash too much controversial material in a meeting in order to preserve a feeling of ‘peace.’ But if the church was going

to address some serious needs in the community by opening its building for new uses, board members had to have some difficult conversations. She needed to learn to be less threatened by arguments and disagreements, and to moderate with a centered authority. With her coach, she described and analyzed what this new skill set would look like. At the next board meeting she tried it out, practiced, and then came back to the coach to analyze what worked and what didn't. Practice, analysis, feedback – all these promote learning that addresses both thorny old patterns and new challenges.”

“Thorny old problems and new challenges” are what face all congregations today, especially in a time of transition. If we wish to be faithful to the Gospel and survive as an institution, we must be both “centered and swerved.” That is, in this time of rapid change, we need to remain rooted in our faith and committed to a life open to the Spirit’s leadings into a new future. Merely retrieving a beloved past is neither possible nor liberating. If you recall, the risen Christ called the original disciples to follow him on the road to a new future that they could neither envision nor imagine.

While I am with you, we will continue to be looking at the thorny old problems so that we can become unstuck from them and become more able to move into a new future, even if it swerves a little.

Mary Lou

DEACONS CORNER

The deacons meet the last Monday of every month. At the end of the year we lost two deacons, Donna Zielinski had served six years and Lee Keck resigned because of his future travel plans with his wife Ann.

We welcomed Barbara Welker and Sarah Bachenheimer to the board. I will be serving my last year as Senior Deacon, Glenn Dulko has offered to fill the position next year.

We still need coffee makers, ushers and greeters, so please sign up for one of these tasks, none of them are difficult and help is available.

We would like to encourage the congregation to take part in the Sunday service. Anyone who feels that they would like to read the lesson, just approach one of the deacons. The senior youth group is helping and we appreciate all their efforts.

We are hoping to start another prayer group, there will be a sign up sheet in the parlour. The group will meet once a month after the service, the prayers asked for will be confidential.

The deacons are always available to help or answer any questions that anyone in the congregation may have.

Eileen Ede, Senior Deacon

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to support the relationship between the pastor and members of the congregation by serving as a liaison between the pastor and congregants, offering support to the pastor, and to provide a framework to deal with conflict. Pastoral Relations Committee members are also available to meet with church members and the pastor to discuss concerns upon request (and confidentially as needed).

The following members of the committee are available to church members should any concerns arise regarding the relationship between the pastor and the congregation: Doreen Fox – 393-1561, Beth Reilly-Roman – 393-2752, David Calhoun – 393-3215, Les Rushworth, Chair – 393-1133, Nancy Grannis – 393-3433.

The Pastoral Relations Committee meets on a quarterly basis.

Next meeting is June 7, 2009 @ 11:30 am.

Future meetings; July, December

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

Our Fall Stewardship Campaign focused on “Owning Our Faith”. This year, the congregation was also asked to pledge Time and Talents. As of 01/10/2009:

- 52 pledges for a total of \$99,873
- Last year, we ended the year with 68 pledges
- Of the difference of 16 pledges, 14 we believe still belong to the church and hence, the pledges are outstanding-the approximate total of these 14 pledges in 2008 was ~\$20,500
- Per last year’s Annual Report, the amount of the budget supported by pledges was \$122,500
- Currently: approximately \$23,000 under pledged; which is down approximately 18% pledge units are down by 14; which is approximately 23%
- Mission & Stewardship will address this issue after the Congregational Meeting on Jan 25th.

The Time and Talents portion was collated and provided to Boards and Committees for a roster of resources for church programs and projects for 2009.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet after church services every Sunday. We are nearing completion of our church's profile after months of discernment. We have met twice with Rev. Michael Penn-Strah our regional conference staff person. We have gathered the congregation's input from the workshop presented by Rev. Donna Cassity and will use it in the church's profile. The Search Committee and Church Committee members, met with Rev. Cassity for an additional two day workshop developing qualities that describe five gifts for ministry that we hope our new Pastor will possess. We also defined five goals for the various boards and committees to utilize for the next year and as we move into the future. We are currently working on a provocative vision statement that will hopefully provide a snapshot of the First Church of Christ, Bethany.

Please feel free to contact any of the Search Committee members with concerns or questions. We ask for your prayers and patience as we continue the task before us of searching for a new Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

The Search Committee
Sarah Briggs, Chairperson
Buff Bachenheimer
Colby Plaskowitz
Beth Reilly-Roman

Eileen Ede
Bob Guynn
Steve Primus

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There are only a few weeks left for Sunday school. The children just finished a 4 week cycle of the Transformation of Paul. All kinds of activities were incorporated including reading the Bible (with rewards for bringing their Bible to class): class discussions with written activities; cooking 'transformation' from cream to butter and ice cream, sugar dough to cookies, and popcorn kernels to popcorn; also a 1st person narrative by Anninias (Kerry Meier). The children will be preparing for the June 14th Children's Day service on May 31st and June 7th. Family Sunday is May 24th of Memorial Day weekend.

There will be our traditional potluck lunch after the Children's Day service with everyone welcome. Later in the day there will be a party at the Errera's for the Senior Youth Group. It will be a time to welcome the 8th graders and a time to say good bye to the seniors who will be graduating.

Plans are under way for the fall regional youth event at Veteran's Memorial Park on October 25th. Da Vita McCallister, Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be facilitating this. The youth from several area churches will be invited. Discussions are under way to see if the day should start with worship at our church.

In March our Sr. Youth Director resigned and programming has been done by volunteers- Carol, Sandy, Donna, and Claudia to name a few. It is unfortunate that the church is in flux with our Pastoral Search and it trickles down to all our Boards and Committees. Faith and prayer will get us where we need to be.

At this time we intend to continue with the Cornerstone's Sunday School lessons for next year. The 4 week cycles seems to work well since many of our children are here only every other week.

After much reflection, Sandy Newlan has resigned as Christian Educator. Sandy has loved and nurtured the children, and we thank her. The children have been safe with Sandy and we thank her for that, also. I have a feeling that the religious life of children is in her heart and that we will continue seeing her among us.

Peace,

Carol Stamper
Board of Christian Education

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As my time as Christian Education Director comes to a close, I want to thank the children. Their abundant energy and enthusiasm made Sunday school a blast. I am confident that they will be a joy for whoever is hired to run the program next year.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer.

God Bless!

Sandy

CHILDREN'S PAGE

MAY 2009

Thanks
FOR YOUR EXAMPLE


Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere and, I am persuaded, now lives grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

All my time

A mother of 13 children was asked, "How in the world do you have time to care for 13?"

"Well," she replied, "when I had only one child, it took all my time; what more can 13 do?"

CHILDREN'S PAGE

JUNE 2009

SURPRISE DAD at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:


1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.

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*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.
Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

" _____ , _____ — _____ ,

_____ ; _____
_____ " Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: "The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness." Isaiah 38:19, NIV

DRIVE SAFELY -----



CHILDREN'S PAGE

JULY 2009

• S U M M E R •
**TRAVEL
 BINGO**

Summer travel is fun, but sometimes getting to the destination can take a long time. Try this homemade bingo game to entertain you and your family while you vacation this summer.

What you need:

- Sheets of 8½" x 11" paper (one for each player)
- Stickers (16 for each player)
- Pencil, pen, marker or crayon

What you do:

1. Before your trip, list different things you might see as you travel.
2. Take each 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and fold it in half, from top to bottom. Fold it in half again from top to bottom. Then fold it in half from side to side and then again. Unfold the paper and you should have 16 equal-sized squares, four across horizontally and four down vertically.
3. Family members write one thing from the list in each of the 16 squares. They can place them in any order. For non-readers, someone can draw pictures in each square.
4. Put the sheets and stickers in the car in an easy-to-reach place.
5. While traveling, when you see an object that's on your card, say it out loud. Put a sticker in that square.
6. The first person to get four in a row wins the first round. The first person to fill two rows wins the second round. The first person to fill the entire sheet wins the game.



TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

NAMES

Paul Moses Joseph The Israelites Abram crowds
 Samaritan Jesus Naaman Angel of God

VERSES

"The _____ had been traveling in front of Israel's army" Exodus 14:19

"And _____ went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt." Genesis 41:46

"Go in peace," said Elisha. After _____ had traveled some distance" 2 Kings 5:19

"_____ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem." Genesis 12:6

"_____ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece." Acts 20:2

"_____ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1

"Large _____ were traveling with Jesus." Luke 14:25

"_____ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho." Numbers 22:1

"_____ led Israel from the Red Sea For three days they traveled in the desert" Exodus 15:22

"But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him." Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan



4th of July

JUNIOR YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3	Walk Against Hunger	Meier
Sunday, May 10	No meeting-Mother's Day	
Sunday, May 17	Car Wash	Plaskowitz/Swain
Sunday, May 24	Prep for Memorial Day Parade	Tajmajer
Sunday, May 31	Mini Golf	Austin
Sunday, June 7	Beach Day Picnic	Dulko
Saturday, June 13	Old Newgate Prison trip	Errera
Sunday, June 21	No meeting-Father's Day	

BIRTHDAYS

May		July	
Richard Ives	5/01	Jerry Downs III	7/05
Benjamin François	5/02	Michael Plaskowitz	7/06
Dorothy W. Martyn	5/05	Lou Bachenheimer	7/07
Christina Amici	5/06	Katie Errera	7/11
Hope Hryb	5/09	Robby Zielinski	7/13
Carol Stamper	5/09	Truman Etkin	7/18
Karisa Zamy	5/10	Mark Rudolph	7/20
Taylor Plaskowitz	5/17	Louva Calhoun	7/22
Alexandra Grace Welker	5/20	Eleanor Beckert	7/25
Karen Donnelly	5/24	Woody Fassett	7/25
Kylee Bertino	5/26	Gail Theroux	7/28
Faith Deer	5/26		
Romolo Tedeschi	5/27		
Cinda Buchter	5/28		
Meg Hein	5/28		

June		August	
Donovan Michael Nieves	6/03	Dorothy Love	8/08
Jennifer Peat	6/07	Michael Adamczyk	8/08
William Tamm	6/07	David Donnelly	8/13
Timer Downs	6/08	Jack Tajmajer	8/17
Marion Sandell	6/12	Norvin Hein	8/19
Colby Plaskowitz	6/14	Scott Shurtleff	8/20
Buff Bachenheimer	6/16	Shirley Michel	8/20
Eric Cowan	6/17	Abigail Fritz	8/27
Carlie Erin Welker	6/23	Samantha Austin	8/27
		Bernice Mozealous	8/28
		Elizabeth Cote	8/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May

Michael & Christina Amici - 5-23
Sarah & Walter Briggs - 5-31

June

Jim & Beth Reilly Roman - 6-23
Louis & Dorothy Martyn - 6-10
Bernice & Frank Mozealous - 6-4
Mark & Jane Rudolph - 6-19-76
Barbara & George Welker - 6-21
Don & Elsa Peat - 6-7
Eileen & Terry Ede - 6-16

July

Ed & Anne Czepiga - 7-5
Tom & Nancy Poland - 7-7

August

Michael & Joyce Plaskowitz - 8-4
Nick & Catherine DiGiorgi - 8-8
Claude & Becky Errera - 8-11
Bernie & April Holeva - 8-27
Kathryn & Timer Downs - 8-30

Meeting Dates

Christian Education	June 9 @ 7:30 pm
Pastoral Relations	June 7 July 5, Dec. 6 @ 11:30 am
Mission & Stewardship	June 3 @ 7:00 pm
Church Committee	June 8 @ 7:30 pm
Trustees	June 18 @ 7:30 pm
Deacons	June 22 @ 7:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir-Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm.

Cross Town Players Sunday mornings @ 11:30 am

Search Committee meets every Sunday morning @ 11:30 am

Men's Club

The Men's Club meets the first Monday of every Month. The next meeting will be Monday, June 1st at 6:30 pm. All men of the church are welcome. Join us on the second Sunday of every month for our awesome pancake breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

Women's Club

The Women's Club meets on the fourth Thursday of every month.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 25th at 12 noon.

The rummage sale took place on Saturday, April 25th from 9 – 2 pm.

The Strawberry Supper will be on Wednesday, June 17th. There will be an increase in price to \$12 adult, \$6 for children and \$3 for children under the age of 5. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and 7:00 pm.

The picnic will be arranged sometime in June.

Special Dates – May 2009

- Christian Family Week, May 4-10, 2009
- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2009
- Mother’s Day, May 10, 2009
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2009
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 18, 2009
- Ascension of the Lord, May 21, 2009
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2009
- Pentecost, May 31, 2009



Where everyone gets along

Peter Hermann, who spends half the year in Bisbee, Arizona, wrote to the local paper expressing his appreciation for the small town. He told of a man who’s a fixture on Bisbee’s main street. The man is accompanied by three pets: a mouse who sits on the back of a cat, who sits on a dog.

To Hermann, that scene speaks of Bisbee’s wholesome, accepting attitude. It is proof positive, he wrote, that “everyone gets along in Bisbee.”

That reminds one of Isaiah’s words: “The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6, NRSV).

Special dates – June 2009

- Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2009
- Flag Day, June 14, 2009
- Father's Day, June 21, 2009
- First day of summer, June 21, 2009

On giving and getting

British author Elizabeth Bibesco said, "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Can we follow her advice? Do we really need to keep a mental account of our sharing? Of course, we must keep financial records for tax purposes, but why dwell on our generosity? That might cultivate the sin of arrogant pride.

Instead, keep the good feeling derived from giving. Dwell on that joy rather than on the amount or the service given. Never forget what others have done for you. A grateful heart blesses you as well as the people you help.

When on vacation

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.
The rest of the summer, be with us in person.

Special dates – July 2009

Independence Day, July 4, 2009

What is a Christian family?

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.

Grace is a gift

When we work an eight-hour day and receive eight hours' pay for our efforts, that is a WAGE.

When we compete with an opponent and receive a trophy for our superior performance, that is a PRIZE.

When we receive something in recognition for our service or achievement, that is an AWARD.

But when we can earn no wage, can win no prize and deserve no award — yet we receive such a gift — that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is GRACE

A little note to remind you all of what is actually important! This is wonderful.

Need A WASHING??

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target.. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day. The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in 'Mom let's run through the rain,' she said 'What?' Mom asked.

'Let's run through the rain!' She repeated

'No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: 'Mom, let's run through the rain,'

'We'll get soaked, if we do,' Mom said.

'No, we won't, Mom.. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?

'Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for

being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life.. a time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

'Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain.... If GOD lets us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing,' Mom said..

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Send this to the people you'll never forget and remember to also send it to the person who sent it to you. It's a short message to let them know that you'll never forget them.

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry.

Take the time to live!!!

Keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other -- and don't forget to run in the rain!

Community News

Calling all past, present, and future Drew's Crew walkers! Registration is now open for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure Diabetes. This year we will again walk in North Haven at the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield campus (Quinnipiac University) on October 4th. Below is the link for registration...remember, Drew's Crew, and Donna Zielinski, team captain. THIS IS OUR TEAM'S 12TH WALK! <http://walk.jdrf.org/register.cfm?id=87395383>

If the link does not work, the process is still easy to do online at www.jdrf.org. As always, we hope to have a large team and raise as much as possible for Drew's cure, and millions like him who suffer from this disease. Help us ensure their healthy future by joining us that day. I'll be notified via email once you have registered. Please email me if you want a team t-shirt and what sizes you need.

If you own a business or know someone who does, you may sponsor the team with \$100 and get your business name on the back of the shirt. Special thanks to our sponsors over the last several years, Pereira's Academy of Karate and DiMatteo Insurance Center. Please consider passing this email along to everyone you know. Chances are, they have been touched by diabetes in some way and would be more than willing to contribute.

If you cannot walk with us, please sponsor me online by clicking on the link below. It's quick, easy, and safe.

<https://walk.jdrf.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=walk.supportwalker&walkerid=87395383&sr=>

I hope to be hearing from many of you VERY SOON! Thanks, and God bless.

Donna