



# THE CHURCH ON THE CAPE

A United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor...

This season, I felt blessed to have happened upon a New Year's meditation written by a friend of mine. I think it is insightful and I hope you find it meaningful as well.

"Just before Christmas, I watched people collecting their luggage off carousels. There's an art to luggage collection. There seem to be at least three rules that need to be followed: The first is to get the right bag. The second rule is to double check to make sure the claim numbers on the baggage match the claim numbers stapled to your ticket stub. The third rule is to get help to carry bags that are too heavy to carry all at once.

I discovered these rules as I watched a man who obviously didn't heed them. Here is his story. Clearly in a hurry, he grabbed four pieces of luggage off the carousel. A porter approached and offered to help him. The man respectfully declined. He also decided against using a handcart and began dragging his luggage toward the door. He dragged the whole affair, by himself, facing backwards. So, he couldn't see where he was going - only where he'd been. One brave soul offered to help, but he waved her away. Just as the man was about to go out the door, a young woman came running toward him waving her baggage claim stub. It turned out that he had grabbed the wrong luggage. So, back he dragged it, and the two of them sorted out whose was whose. Finally, he called for a porter - exhausted from dragging too big a load."

There is a moral here and it is this: The rules of baggage handling pertain to life. As you get ready to walk out into a new year, pretend that you've just landed in an airport and you're coming to visit a new and wonderful place. Then check out your problems and your blessings. They're like baggage, we always travel with both. Look at them carefully and make sure that you take only the baggage that belongs to you. Don't take someone else's baggage. And finally, if your problems are too big or too heavy, don't go through the next year, dragging them in a way that keeps you from looking forward. Advent is over. Christmas is past. The Light has come and a New Year has been given us. May you travel in the light of Christ this year, taking only the baggage you need. With the help of God, in the company of the Holy Spirit, may you be strengthened by His love.

Happy New Year!

Ruth Merriam (Rev.)

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**A THANK YOU FROM YORK COUNTY SHELTER PROGRAMS, INC.**

Our food collections have been delivered to Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel in the months of November and January. In December, the food was taken to York County Shelter Programs in Alfred. The following letter was received from Alfred.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the York County Shelter Programs' Board of Directors, Staff, and the homeless people we serve, please accept our heartfelt "thanks" for your generous anti-hunger donation. With the support of good folks like you, we will continue to feed our clients and hungry neighbors. Last year we provided over 48,000 client meals and 14,917 meals through our two Free Meals Kitchens. In addition, the request for food through our Food Pantry has risen from serving 27,754 people with 9,252 food boxes in FY-04, to serving 36,480 people with 12,168 food boxes in FY-05! So, as you can see, your help is appreciated more than ever Again, "Thank You" so much for your help and dedication. Come visit us when you are in the area.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Gean, Executive Director  
York County Shelter Programs, Inc.

**Staff News**

The Church Administrator position has undergone some changes lately. As of January 2006, Karen Dombrowski has passed the torch to Susan Stornelli and Sue Stedman, who will be job sharing. Susan plans to work Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; she will answer the phone as "SUSAN". Sue plans to work Wednesday and Friday; she will answer the phone as "SUE". As necessary, these days may be switched, so please listen closely to the name. We look forward to becoming acquainted with you in our new role(s). Also, we would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to Karen for getting us through our first week and helping with this newsletter!!!

Susan Stornelli  
Sue Stedman

**Marybelle's Magic Basket**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed an item to Marybelle's Basket. We have made several trips to Southern Maine Medical Center to deliver these lovely gifts to the Obstetric/Pediatric Department. We have received a thank you note from the hospital expressing their appreciation for what we are doing. This is an on going project for the Church on the Cape. We especially need baby blankets in this cold winter season as well as warm hats and newborn clothing for the infants. Also welcome are hats, mittens, and sweaters for the toddlers. These items will be given to any new mother who comes to the hospital without the necessary clothing and blanket to take her baby home in and to the tiny patients in Pediatrics who appear to be in need of warm winter clothing.

## OUTREACH

### Fourth Annual Christmas Fair

2005 was a year of catastrophes and disasters! At every turn, there was another call for assistance, another need for money or supplies or help. And the congregation responded with extreme generosity. Every time. And then came the Christmas Fair. And again you came forth, perhaps not as robustly as in 2004, but very generously indeed. Contributions totaled \$2615, as shown below. The \$450 contingency fund remaining in the Missions budget was also divided and added to the contributions to the Kennebunkport Fuel Assistance Program and the York County Shelters, so the figures shown for these include an additional \$225 each.

Bon Appetit	\$180
Camp Mechuwana	60
Camp Sunshine	305
Caring Unlimited	250
Food Pantry	100
Habitat for Humanity	505
Kennebunkport Fuel Assistance	740
Maine Migrant Workers	95
Partners in Development	470
Princess Basma Hospital	60
Village Enterprise Fund	205
York County Shelters	295

Checks in these amounts have been sent. Thank you so much for your continued support!

My personal thanks go to George Lee, Janet and George Acker and the rest of the committee for their help with the Fair.

### News from the Front

Bon Appetit – Volunteers are needed, particularly in these winter months, to assist with this community meal program in Biddeford. Be part of a wonderful group, have a wonderful and fulfilling couple of hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Give Janet Acker a call at 985-4507; you'll be glad you did.

Habitat for Humanity – The Biddeford home is just about complete. Sheetrocking and painting will start soon, and occupancy is expected by Mid February.

Maine Migrant Workers – Rich Parsons is working on assembling a caravan of volunteers to spend about a week (August 13-19) Down East assisting Pastor Betty Palmer and her Seasonal and Migrant Worker Ministry. Rich will hold an informational meeting in the near future. Prepare to share a great experience!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Sutter

## **Prelude Organ Concert**

Bill Lord

On Dec.4, 2005, Dr David Maxwell returned to the Church as our Christmas Prelude organist. He had previously performed here in the spring of 2003 and December of 2004. Our organist and choir director, Beryl Samia, led the choirs of the Church on the Cape and the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport in a performance of /Hodie Christus Natus Est/ by Mark Hayes. It was an extraordinary performance. David played three of his own choral preludes, composed this year and based on well-known works.

The concert was classic (from Bach to Christmas hymns) and the performances were sensational -- leading to a standing ovation at the end of the concert. David Maxwell, the Minister of Music at State Street Church in Portland, holds degrees in both piano and organ from the University of Illinois. Having previously taught at Western Illinois University and at the University of Southern Maine, Dr. Maxwell currently teaches and composes in his Scarborough studio. Our Spring Concert is tentatively scheduled for April 2nd at 3 p.m. Our organist will be Doug Marshal. Doug a partner in Ogletree & Marshal, the company that installed our organ, and an exceptional musician. These concerts are supported by the Keith McClelland Concert Fund and the generosity of those attending the concert.

### **A Fond Farewell**

Pat Bender

Each Sunday I come away from our Church on the Cape blessed with many gifts...

God's unconditional love, the sermons and messages, the friendship, the music and beautiful voices and the desire to share the gifts I just received.

Church on the Cape has been a family to us while living our "adventure" in Maine.

Tom and I will greatly miss this wonderful family.

Thanks to all of you for your warm welcome into the Church on the Cape family. Thanks for the opportunity to learn just how much there is to give and to receive. I will carry these gifts with me to Texas.

### **Special Preachers featured in February**

In the pulpit on Sunday, February 19, will be the Rev. Betty Palmer. She is the minister who heads up the Machias Blueberry Ministry - in which we are already involved. This summer we plan to actually camp there for a weekend, as volunteers.

On the next Sunday, February 26, the Rev. Sally Poland will be preaching. She is currently teaching the new DISCIPLE Bible course being offered, and we are so blessed to have her as a part of our church family.

Rev. Merriam will be on vacation from Monday, February 13 to Monday, February 26

### **Congratulations Pastor Ruth!**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, our Pastor Ruth has been appointed the Chaplain for the Fire Department for the town of Kennebunkport. She has been the acting Chaplain for the Goose Rocks Fire Department for the past year, and has been very busy at many calls; now she will be even busier! Thank you for your compassionate care of our town, Pastor Ruth!

## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jim Lennon

On behalf of the Finance Committee it is with thanks that news of the good financial health of our church is shared. Ours is a congregation faithful to the pledges we have made and generous in sharing additional gifts as needs are put before us. Last year was an exceptional one as the United Methodist Church responded to three major natural disasters, two in Asia and one in our country. The Church on the Cape was in the forefront of this response. Offerings to these special needs from our church were \$16,352.00. In addition, nearly \$1,200.00 was kept locally for fuel assistance in the Kennebunks, the proceeds from the Youth Car Wash held in the fall and the Thanksgiving Offerings received at the church. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the report of the Outreach Committee. Wow, what a fellowship!

Our 2005 Operating Budget asked that \$112,000.00 in pledges be received. Our people topped that with pledges of \$114,200.00 made and \$117,787.00 actually received as of December 31, 2005. God is good, all the time.

Thanks to all our members and friends who responded so generously to the 2006 Operating Budget Stewardship Campaign. The budget asked for \$123,200.00 and as of today actual pledges have reached \$115,151.00. We are blessed by many among us who pledge to give "As Able", and always respond generously. With faith in Him who meets all of our needs, the Church on the Cape will continue to be a living presence in this community. Come to worship and share in this joy.

## Chemo Caps

We have had 15 chemo caps donated since our last newsletter. Thank-you to those people who have done this. The pattern for knitting these caps from chenille or equivalent yarn is available at the church office.

It has been brought to Pastor Ruth's attention that a cap made from a lighter weight cotton yarn rather than the chenille yarn would be appreciated by some patients. The chenille is too warm for indoor use. If you would like to make a lighter weight chemo cap you should use cotton worsted yarn with the same pattern. This may be an easier yarn to work with also. (Note: Be sure it is **cotton worsted**. Any other cotton would require a new pattern and different size needle.)

You can leave your finished chemo caps, using either weight yarn, at the church office and Pastor Ruth will deliver them to Maine Med or Scarborough Cancer Center when she is going to either of those places

## "From Atlantic Hall. . ."

Thanks to all who contributed to our Atlantic Hall Christmas Fair Bake Sale. We had wonderful goodies, and your baked goods were a most welcome contribution to a very successful Fair. The Board and our Community thank you one and all for your generous support of this wonderful Cape Porpoise landmark."

## The Original Sin

I've thought it all over. What could it have been?  
What was it really – original sin?  
Was it pride, disobedience, envy, or lust?  
Or gluttony, arrogance, greed, breach of trust?  
Intellectual pride, ambition for glory?  
None quite seems to fit the true facts of the story.  
When the question was asked, "Who has disobeyed?"  
Did each one acknowledge the part he had played?  
Adam, true gentleman, right from the start,  
Lost not a moment disclaiming his part.  
"T was not I," said he. "I was pleased with my diet.  
That woman you gave me, she forced me to try it."  
And Eve? "T was the serpent who promised so much –  
That the fruit was sweet-tasting and pleasant to touch –  
Of all the fruits in the garden the most healthful kind,  
Warming the heart and expanding the mind."  
And the serpent? "I played on their weaknesses – true,  
But the weaknesses there were created by you."  
Original sin? Still with us, worse luck.  
The original sin was passing the buck!

Ann Schultz, "Doggerel on a Theme by Milton"  
Submitted by Dick Merriam

The Annual Christmas Pageant was truly a team effort this year and all of the work and dedication resulted in a traditional, classic and touching performance of the always exciting and meaningful story of the Birth of Christ. More than more than 25 of our wonderful young people took part, rehearsing each week and really putting in the effort that was so evident on Christmas Eve. We were so fortunate to have the wonderful talents of Karen Dombrowski, Hannah Haskell, and Bill Scarborough as our narrators, and the grace and royalty of Russ Grady, Scott Dombrowski, and David Emery as our regal Wise Men. We could not have gotten our little shepherds to Bethlehem without Mitchell Massey, Leo Payne, and Adrian Baracco as our Shepherds "Dads" and our lovely little angels had the direction of our Angel "Moms" Amy Emmons, Julie Grady and Monique Spina to help them proclaim the Glory of God in the Highest. And what pageant would be complete without the beautiful music that Beryl Samia provided. Our thanks for her hard work and her undying faith in us. To all those who participated -- thank you so much. It really wouldn't be Christmas without the pageant.

Marty McGannon

## **Together for Tomorrow**

Submitted by Dick Merriam

The New England UMC Conference has initiated a 5-year comprehensive campaign, with suggested participation levels proportional to the annual budgets of each church. The net target level suggested for the Church on the Cape is \$31,000 (\$6,200 for each of the five years). A Conference-wide target of \$10,000,000 has been established, with over \$5,000,000 already pledged by churches in 2 of the 5 districts.

The net funds received from our church are to be allocated to four areas:

- Congregational Development (29%): an endowment fund will be established to support new church starts and existing initiatives at church revitalization. When fully capitalized the endowment would generate approximately \$100,000 per year.
- Camps and Retreat Ministries (29%): capital repair and construction at the four major camps (Aldersgate, Mechuwana, Wanakee, and Rolling Ridge).
- Clergy in Retirement (29%): an endowment fund will be established to help support health care premiums for retired clergy
- International Covenants (13%): these funds will be used for scholarships, medical support, clergy support, monies for schools and other needs in the UMC covenants with Nicaragua and West Angola.

Our response to this request is currently being considered in Church Council.

## *Lenten Observances*

### Wednesday Night Lenten Series

In observance of Lent, the Saco Bay Cluster will again be hosting the Wednesday Night Lenten series. As in the past, each session will last from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will start with a supper of bread and various soups, then the program will start at 6:30 p.m. We will close in worship starting at 7:15 p.m. These have proven to be very popular; a wonderful way to stay in the spirit of Lent. The programs are creative, often 'hands-on' and they are something the whole family can participate in.

The series will begin on Wednesday, March 8 and continue through to Wednesday, April 5

### Shrove Tuesday is coming soon!

Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 1, which means that we will be observing Shrove Tuesday (the church's Mardi Gras) on February 28. As is tradition, we will be featuring a Pancake Supper. Why pancakes? Come find out. Then we'll play various games to suit all kinds of tastes. And to cap off the evening, we'll have our breath-holding annual Ping Pong Tournament. Will Pastor Ruth be able to hold on to the Women Division Trophy this year? (Has she been practicing?)

What's extra special about the night is that not only do we play games, but we have a Buddy Get-Together. There will be a brand new questionnaire to fill out - so you can learn new things about each other. Don't miss it!

## ***Music Notes***

The music department has put in a very busy fall and are looking forward to a bit of a rest before getting embroiled in our Lenten/ Easter music.

There has been one very big change in the choral program of the church. All of the Cherub Choir members have moved up into the Youth Choir. Thus, our Youth Choir has enlarged by 6 members and the music committee gave their approval for buying more blue choir robes for this group. They will all be singing in a few weeks, and it should be a joy to see the numbers increased.

This leaves us with no Cherub Choir. The age group for this choir is 4 year olds through 6 year olds. If there are any children interested in starting another Cherub Choir, please speak to me.

The Chime Choir will have a change in ringers during the winter months, while all of the "snowbirds" leave Maine for warmer climates. We are blessed with some new ringers, and I am grateful for their commitment.

Psalm 149 says:

Alleluia!

Sing God a new song,

let the congregation of the faithful sing His praise.

As we join together each week, let us remember these words and all joyfully sing His praise!

In His Service, Beryl Samia

### **Evening Group Notes**

The Evening Group will meet on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** at the church. We will be putting together Health Kits for the Machias Migrant Ministry. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the items we need donated for these kits. Two years ago we put together approximately 70 kits. Lets see if we can do 50 or more this year. The Rev. Betty Palmer from Machias will be at our church on February 19<sup>th</sup> and we will give the kits to her to take back.

A huge thank-you to Linda Hanna for hosting the Evening Group/Women's Guild Christmas Party. Everyone had a lovely evening with wonderful fellowship, fun and food. Thank-you to Heather and Eleanor for contacting everyone and thank-you to all who brought such a delicious variety of food. We also thank Beryl Samia for playing the piano for our carol singing. It was an evening to remember.

### **Migrant Worker Health Kits**

Items due at the church by **Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

The Evening Group is gathering items for Health Kits for the Migrant Ministry in Machias, Maine. Listed below are the items for the kits. You could put together one or more kits or donate some of the items needed and the Evening group will pack the kits.

We would like enough items to pack at least 50 kits.

1 Hand Towel and 1 Washcloth; 1 sturdy comb; 1 nail file or nail clippers; 1 bath size bar soap (3 oz & up); 1 toothbrush in original wrapper; 1 tube toothpaste; 6 or more adhesive plastic strip bandaids; 1 pair of socks.

You can pack the items in a one gallon plastic bag or if you are donating bulk items the Evening Group will pack the bags. We will also accept shampoo, deoderant, shaving items, etc. The migrant camp has mostly men residents but there are also women and children with some of them

## **Just So You Know.....**

### **We ask continued prayer for.....**

- Monica Lyon who is undergoing tests for heart problems and breathing difficulties
- Hal Wright who is now at the Kennebunk Nursing Center and adjusting well. He welcomes visitors
- Ruth Hutchins, mother-in-law of Lorraine Hutchins, who is recuperating at home from abdominal surgery and double pneumonia
- Ian Emery, who is doing well and now off the chemotherapy after two cancer operations

### **Congratulations to.....**

- Eleanor and Harrison Seavey on their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Eleanor Seavey who turned 80 on November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Louise Fairfield who turned 89 on November 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Celebrations to share.....**

- The Angel Tree Ministry gave 54 Christmas gifts to 27 children who have one or more parent in prison
- The Home for the Holidays Christmas concert featuring Tracy Lee and Friends that was held at our church on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> was well attended and a delight to see and hear. The free will offering from this event was given to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center of Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in memory of Tracey's mother.
- The David Maxwell Organ Concert held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> was another successful offering of the Keith McClelland Memorial Concert Fund. CD's of this concert are still available.
- Our steeple bell is 103 years old. Commemorative ornaments of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bell are still available for only \$5.00. Do you have one?
- Our Alternative Christmas Fair raised approximately \$3,000 in additional mission funds
- Our own David Smith took the January 1<sup>st</sup> plunge into the ocean not only once, but twice, to raise \$1,327 for Special Olympics and Caring Unlimited. David went in at Old Orchard Beach and also at Kennebunk Beach.
- Pastor Ruth has been appointed Chaplain to the Town of Kennebunkport. Congratulations!
- Two teams of singers went Christmas Caroling to all of our members and friends who are homebound or in assisted living or a nursing home. Following the caroling the volunteers warmed up with hot cocoa and sweets at the home of Annie & Bill Hidell
- Pastor Ruth and the parsonage family send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts as well as the monetary church gift.
- On Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, our secretary, organist & choir director and sexton were presented with a Christmas gift. Tom Bradbury, SPRC Chairman, praised their faithfulness and their constant willingness to "go the extra mile". Karen, Beryl and David are the employees we would find "in a perfect world" as Tom so aptly put it. The church family agrees.

### **Other news.....**

- We want to express how much we will miss Karen Dombrowski in the church office. Karen is going to work with her husband, Scott, to help with their home inspection business.
- At the same time we welcome two new secretaries – Sue Stedman and Susan Stornelli. We look forward to working with them. Please say a word of welcome when you meet them.
- We shall also miss Pat and Tom Bender, members of our church who are moving to Wimberly, Texas on January 10<sup>th</sup> to be near their children and grandchildren. They were presented with a gift on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and wished Godspeed.
- The Chime Choir is looking for people to fill in while some of the choir are away for the winter. If you can do this please contact Beryl Samia.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS 2006 will be held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. This year's theme is "Love Out Loud – let us not love with words but with actions and in truth". You still have time to sign up to go hear outstanding speakers and attend stimulating workshops. See Pastor Ruth Merriam or Beryl Samia if interested.

## Our New Members

**Penny Fairfield:** Penny was born and brought up in Mass, summered at Goose Rocks Beach where she met her husband Jim. They were married and she became a "Maniac". Most of their married life was spent in Lyman, Maine raising their three girls. They were very active in the White Church in Biddeford. After the girls grew up they tried Florida. That lasted about a year and a half and they were back to Maine. They live in Kennebunk and are very happy.

**Amy Emmons:** My name is Amy Emmons; I have been lucky to have lived in Kennebunk/Kennebunkport area all my life. My children (Hayley and Nathan) start visiting Church on the Cape back in September and I also attended other events that have taken place at church and decided to become members. But being the real reason for wanting to become members was that Hayley my 6 year old was starting to ask me question about God and Jesus and thought this was a great place for her to have questions answered and her brother loves to follow every Sunday it might be because of all the singing that goes on. We all so have family members that have attended here for many years Wendy, Kyle and Jayne Emmons. I am so glad we have become members we feel very welcomed and have met some really nice people.

**Edith Perkins:** Edith Perkins has lived, for the past three years, at St. Andre's Healthcare Facility. Once a totally involved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, an accomplished contract bridge player, a "green thumb" flower gardener, a tireless walker, and a lover of poetry, Edith is now unable to be involved in most of these activities. Edith has always been actively involved in the church. She welcomes the faithful pastoral care she receives from the Church on the Cape, and, when she is able to be in church, she is especially grateful for the familiar hymns and the warm greetings from other church members.

Submitted by Rev. Sally Poland

### Directory Changes/Additions

Polly and. Earl Lush  
**985-6842**  
**Atria #320**  
**One Penny Lane**  
**Kennebunk, ME 04043**

Monica Lyon  
**33 Mill Stream Lane**

Skip and Karl Gambell  
**47 Main St. #5**

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**967-0186**

Don Lloyd  
1 Huntington Common Dr **#150**

Sass, Jinny and Chris  
**813-258-3388**  
**114 East Davis Blvd. #3**  
**Tampa, FL 33606**

Jinny and Chris Sass  
**114E Davis BLVD Unit 3**  
Tampa, FL 33606-3507

**Edith Perkins**  
**St. Andre's Healthcare Facility**  
**Biddeford, ME 04005**

## Ode to Carl Bartlett

He's done it all and then some  
and is always ready for more,  
whether in the classroom or  
running the hardware store.  
He has been ever faithful to his calling  
as a teacher, though I have to tell you friends,  
he sometimes sounds more like a preacher.  
His frequent appeals for money are served with  
honey and finesse. He persists until you break down  
and say, what else but, "Yes".  
This loyal son of Keene State  
has made his alma mater proud.  
He is definitely one graduate  
who stands above the crowd.  
Born with a silver trombone on his plate  
to play in the band and march down the street  
was his predestined fate.  
With his lifelong partner Lil in the days before the pill,  
he had an inclination to populate the nation.  
So it wasn't very long before the family circle grew.  
Jane and Harry and Mary and Carl, Jr.  
And Terry's husband, Alan, Too.  
Generations of children were entrusted to  
his care and their beloved principal  
for them was always there.  
Along the way retirement came and sought him  
and carried him to the Port.  
Soon, he and Lil, to the church on the hill,  
gave their generous support.  
His public service years as a local  
politician sent him forth to serve his  
town in yet another mission.  
As a friend of George I, he was invited  
home to lunch and to consult on matters  
of state with that Republican bunch.  
To keep in shape to do all the things he does  
he rides his bike all over town and greets  
folks with a smile. Then he's on his way again  
to add another mile.  
He's getting on in years now  
but he certainly doesn't show it.  
He's getting older every day but doesn't  
seem to know it.  
Carl has labored on committees, was chairman  
of the board.  
He is a wise and tireless servant of Christ,  
our living Lord.  
And so today, Carl, we join to thank you  
for all you've been and done.  
Our gratitude, if we could measure it,  
would weigh at least a ton.

Sherwood Treadwell  
January 15, 2006



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