

**News from Boy Scout Troop 25**

The last couple of months have been very busy for us. We finished our popcorn fund raiser and we're glad to move on to scouting activities.

Our troop won the primitive campsite award at the camporee held in early November. The attending Troops did our pledge of allegiance under the "Betsy Ross Thirteen Colony" flag and the "Don't tread on me" banner. We built our own tents from canvas using 1800 era tools. Our scouts cooked our food in Dutch ovens and cast iron pots over an open fire. The scouts had a lot of fun shooting flintlock and cap lock rifles; throwing tomahawks, and participating in old-time archery, blacksmithing, orienteering and other various activities. Our troop also hosted a "Trade Goods Blanket," selling such trade goods as arrow heads, leathers and other craft materials.

In late November, our Order of the Arrow Scouts, Bradley Donaldson and Eric Hague, worked at "Cub Scout Family Campout" weekend for service to the BSA Council. They worked the "Air Jumper Castle" ride. They also assisted Cub Scout Packs in finding assigned camp grounds and helped them set up their campsites.

In early December our scouts completed "Clearing the ash out of the fire pit project." Second Class Scout Slade Walker managed that project, which will go towards his first class service project requirement. We started on the "Stairs Replacement Project" by first repairing and stabilizing the stairs of the old Maggie Patterson house. Life Scout Adam Church started drafting the replacement plans and the materials lists. The December 11<sup>th</sup> gift exchange was a blast. The gifts exchanged and bartered for included a "whirly Bird Hat," "loaded dice," "Magician's Flash Paper," sky rockets and a "Napoleon Bonaparte Talking Pen."

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8pm at Chaires UMC. The troop is open to all boys between the ages of 11 to 17 years old. Girls between the ages of 14 to 21 can join as venture scouts.

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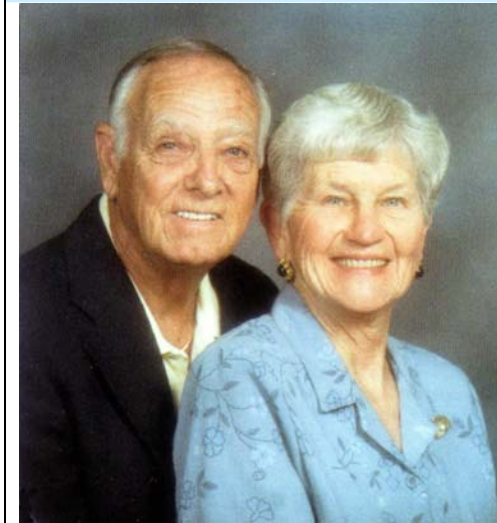


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*Newsletter*

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*Walter & Mary Taylor*  
*Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage!*



**Chaires United Methodist Church** is very pleased to honor Walter and Mary Taylor for their love and dedication to God, family, friends and each other. Sixty years is truly a milestone to be celebrated and we honor you for it.

This sixty year "love affair" was just meant to be! What with Walter being drafted into the army in his junior year in high school and leaving for Europe after a short time in basic training. He served in France and Belgium for two years during World War II, where he saw the end of the war, and was dis-

charged in January 1946. Walter and Mary met the very day he was released from the army.

Walter went to a dance with a high school friend, Ron, who was in Mary's class. The Friday night dances were at the coliseum in Lorraine, Ohio and were where the high school students met for some good, clean fun and fellowship. Walter was proud to be home. He and Mary danced that night and apparently he was smitten! A week or so later he called Mary and asked her to attend the same dance again. They were hardly ever alone because several of Mary's girlfriends from school always came

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*Lewis & Carol Jones*  
*Celebrate Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

Carol and Lewis Jones celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary December 22 with a reception held by their loving children and their families. The celebration was held at the Brokaw-McDougal House in Tallahassee.

They were married at Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C. December 22, 1956. They have lived in Tallahassee for 44 years. Carol and Lewis met while he was stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC in the 291st Army Band and she was a freshman at University of South Carolina. Lewis is a graduate of the FSU School of Music where he received both



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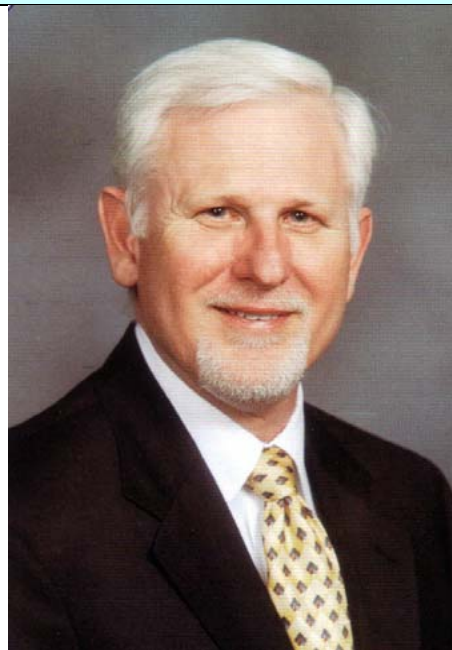
**Church Expansion Update**

The Charge Conference for our expansion project was conducted in the Chaires UM Church Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This meeting, conducted by Rev. Tony Fernandez, District Superintendent, formally presented the project to the congregation, as required by the United Methodist Building Manual. Also in attendance was Mr. Jerry Hicks, AIA, President, Hicks Nation Architects, Inc., Tallahassee who discussed several items of interest for the expansion.

A "motion" to proceed with the expansion project was approved unanimously by those in attendance. A second "motion" was approved to establish a "Building Committee" to operate under the Trustee Committee. Nominations for Committee members were received and approved by vote of those present.

Building Committee members elected by the Charge Conference attendees are: Margaret Boyette, Lynne Fannin, Marty Raggett, Gordon Lightfoot, Jon Berry, Bob Glover (ex officio, Chair, Trustee Committee), and Dale Thompson (ex officio, Chair, Administrative Council). This new committee will form and select their Chair at the January Trustee meeting.

*Submitted by the Trustee Committee*



**Pastor's Column**

**Dear Friends:**

As we begin an exciting new year here at Chaires UMC, I wish to first of all thank all who put in extra time from their busy lives to attend the necessary committee meetings, work days, and event planning that helped make 2006 a wonderful year.

I especially want to thank the chairpersons for their committed leadership, wisdom, and dedication to their respected positions. Your work continues to be a blessing as it enables Chaires UMC to become

a beacon to the lost and a refuge for the hurting. It brings to me, as well as to the congregation, great comfort knowing that the work of the church is in capable hands.

For those that have fulfilled their service commitment for three years, please accept my warmest thanks. And for the new members, I am looking forward to working with you.

**2007 Chaires UMC Committee Chairpersons**

- Dale Thompson - Church Council Chair
- Steve Lenzo - Lay Leader
- Lynn Fannin - Finance Chairperson
- Gordon Lightfoot - PPR Chairperson
- Bob Glover - Trustee Chairperson
- Sharon Lenzo - Recording Secretary
- Lamont Wynn - Delegate to Annual Conference
- Steve Lenzo - Delegate to Annual Conference

**Past Committee Members**

- Brenda Messer - PPR
- Judy O'Steen - PPR
- Neva Holland - PPR
- Everett Matthews - Trustee
- Pam Thompson - Trustee
- Pat Alley - Trustee
- Bobbie Harrison - Nominations
- J.C. O'Steen - Nominations
- Jim Taylor - Nominations
- Laura Payton - Finance
- Elinor Shuford - Communion

**New Committee Members**

- J.C O'Steen - PPR
- Peggy Surles - PPR
- Donna Stephenson - PPR
- Shane Marshall - Trustee
- Barbara Palmer - Trustee
- Leota Gregory - Trustee
- Dot Spence - Trustee
- Neva Holland - Nominations
- Hazel Wagner - Nominations
- Judy O'Steen - Nominations
- Debbie Weldon - Finance

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*Happy New Year!*  
**January 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>New Year's Day!</i>	2	3 Family Night 6:00 pm  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	4	5	6
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Baptism of The Lord and Communion  Men's Bible Study 5 pm	8	9  UMM & UMW 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study 10:30 am Prayer Mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	11  Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Human Relations Day/ Special Offering Men's Bible Study 5 pm	15  MLK Birthday Observed	16  Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18  SPRC Meeting 7pm	19	20
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 Women's Bible Study 4 pm  Men's Bible Study 5 pm	22	23	24 Bible Study 10:30 am Prayer Mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	25	26	27  Koinonia Dinners begin
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Women's Bible Study 4 pm  Men's Bible Study 5 pm	29	30	31			

**Birthdays**

Jack Holland	6	Renee Grubb	24
Mary Taylor	12	Eileen Gill	26
Frances Chaires	17	Edna Matthews	27
Tom Kempton	19	Neva Holland	28
Brooke Thompson	20	Dylan Grubb	29
Jane Kempton	21	Maggie Hall	30

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along. Mary says that Walter's brown '36 Dodge Sedan was a real attraction to all the girls! They continued to date through her senior year as Walter became aware of Mary's free spirit, such as jumping off the top of a houseboat into Lake Erie (for which she served two weeks of restriction when her mother found out). Walter joined in the winter sports, high school games, and fun on Lake Erie in the summer.

When Mary graduated, she got a job working as a seamstress at a men's suit factory in Lorraine, and Walter worked in construction in the same city. Since they both lived in Vermillion, Walter would pick Mary up for work each day and they would drive to Lorraine to work. How convenient!

In October they became engaged and were married on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1946, by their Pastor, Reverend Greenawalt, in the church parsonage. Mary's family had attended the church for many years and Walter was baptized there after they met. Reverend Greenawalt continued to be a friend, later baptizing their children, Tim, Carrie and Shelly. In 1961, when their children were teenagers, they moved to Florida (the Hollywood area) where Walter and his son Tim eventually went into business for 17 years.

Both Carrie and Shelly, the Taylor's daughters, attended FSU in the early 70's, and Walter and Mary both became attracted to Tallahassee. Walter promised Mary that when he retired they would live in Tallahassee near their daughters. Mr. Nistendirk was a client of their daughter, Carrie, and he told Carrie to invite them to Chaires Church. They feel it was a true blessing to have found this church home and loving friends.

Walter and Mary continue to fill their lives with eleven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren – an accomplishment in itself! They feel they are blessed beyond words and sixty years has been good to them. We know it was truly of the Lord.

*~ written by Evelyn Brown as told by Mary Taylor*

~ Lewis & Carol Jones ~ cont'd from Page 1

his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Lewis was a high school band director for 18 years serving in Greensboro, Fla., Mobile, Ala., and in Tallahassee at Leon High School. He left the teaching profession and was employed as church administrator/music director at John Wesley United Methodist Church for 5 years. He then became Executive Director of the Florida Bandmasters Association for 17 years until his retirement in 2000. Now retired, Lewis serves as an adjunct Assistant Professor in the FSU College of Music where he supervises student teachers during their internship.

Carol spent her married life as a Christian homemaker and as a full-time mother, raising three wonderful children.

Their children and grandchildren are Kendall Jones (wife Carol), sons Kyle (wife Audrey) and Brannon, Karen Jones Few (husband Tim), son Cpl. David Few USMC, daughter Karilyn, and Rev. Kerry Jones (wife Nan), daughter Lillian.

Carol and Lewis attended John Wesley United Methodist Church for 36 Years, and are now members of Chaires United Methodist Church.

*~ submitted by Lewis Jones*

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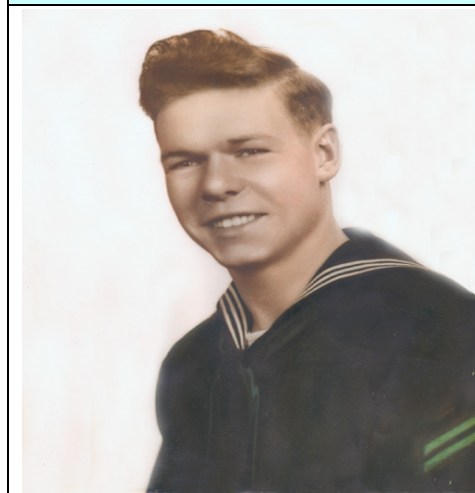
Please thank these folks for their service – especially give Mrs. Elinor a big hug for many years of serving as the church's communion steward.

May God continue to bless our ministries and our church.

Bill

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**– Bob Stephenson –  
Carpenter – Veteran - Hurricane Hunter  
All-around Nice guy**

Bob Stephenson has been a friend of mine for almost 20 years now. It wasn't until fairly recently that I found out his 2<sup>nd</sup> love after 50 years with the Carpenters International Union was his love of the U. S. Navy.

Bob was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1931. He left high school in 1950 and joined the Navy to see the world like so many young men and women have done. After graduating from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center just outside of Chicago, Bob was sent to Jacksonville Naval Air Station where he was drafted for a

shakedown cruise on the U.S.S. Oriskany to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After three and one half months with the U.S.S. Oriskany (an aircraft carrier) he went to Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, New Jersey where he boarded the U.S.S. Intrepid (another aircraft carrier) for a brief tour to the Korean War zone. Bob was lucky, they didn't stay long and they brought him home safe and sound. He then went on to Jacksonville, Florida where he went to parachute rigging school. I've actually seen a picture of Bob jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. He spent his last two years in the Navy in Jacksonville. His job at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station was to fly in Hurricane Hunters. It seems like the Navy back then flew into the eyes of the Hurricanes, unlike today, where I think, the Air Force out of McDill AFB in Tampa has that duty now.

Bob would tell you he hasn't done much, but we all know our young people joining the military, even today, give us their all. And, if you look at the twinkle in his eyes as he remembers those younger days you know he is proud of that service to his country.

It was after the Navy that he met and married his bride of today, Donna. And it wasn't until 1987 that his Carpenter duties led to his job as the Executive Director of the Florida State Council of Carpenters, which is the job that sent him and Donna to Tallahassee from Miami.

For a while Bob and Donna went to Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Tallahassee and from there they found and have been attending Church here at Chaires United Methodist Church for over 10 years. Bob is the current President of the United Methodist Men and has served on numerous other committees including the Trustees.

And as a note of thanks, it was through Bob and Donna that my wife Lucia and I were given the invitation to visit Chaires United Methodist Church and we too have stayed and fallen in love with the Chaires family.

Thanks for your service to God and Country, Bob.

*~ Submitted by Gordon Lightfoot*

**Note:**

*As I started to prepare this newsletter and read the above article, much to my surprise I learned that Bob and I served in the same naval unit, the Hurricane Hunters. Bob's service preceded mine by about 5 years, but apparently we lived in the same barracks and worked in the same hangar at NAS Jax. Evelyn and I went out that very evening and had a nice visit with Donna and Bob. He and I had a great time discussing old times in the navy.*

*~ Mulder Brown*

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### Advent Candle Stand & Hanging of the Greens

The month of December was very special as a different family lit a candle each Sunday in commemoration of Advent. We celebrated the Hanging of the Greens on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Evergreens are an ancient symbol of immortality, life and growth and everlasting love of God. The circle of candles symbolizes the unending and eternity of God who is, was and always will be. Purple shows the majesty which heralds the coming of the King of Kings.

The pink candle was lighted on Third Sunday of Advent which is also known as Sunday of Joy. On Christmas Eve the white candle in the center was lighted and stands for purity and joy. It is known as the Christ candle which represents Christ born on Christmas day. As we all know, light is a symbol of

God's presence and darkness it's opposite, a symbol of His absence. Darkness stands for lack of salvation which is overcome by the arrival of Christ the Messiah (Isa. 9:2) (Romans 13:12).

The very nice candle stand was made by Walt Taylor. We thank and appreciate him for using his talent in woodworking for the Lord.

These rituals make the meaning of Advent and Christmas more meaningful as we approach the day we celebrate as the birthday of our Lord and King. May it be ever more meaningful in 2007 as we continue to serve Him.



Hannah and Katlyn

~ Submitted by Evelyn Brown  
with photos by Debbie Pahl



Ashley and Brandon

### Welcome New Members

Chaires United Methodist Church proudly welcomed Taylor Marshall as a member in November as she accepted Christ into her heart and joined the church. We look forward to seeing her grow in the Lord as she strives to serve Him.

In the month of December, we were privileged to have Keith Horne, Sue Horne, Marty Raggett, Alice Raggett, DeWease Lewis, and Nancy Hardison join our church. We have been blessed in 2006 as these and others have joined CUMC and look forward to worshipping, serving and fellowshiping with each one. May you be blessed.

### THE KING

By  
Paula Jo Winter

He was born in a stable,  
Far from His home.  
The star over Bethlehem  
Led the way to His throne.  
His throne was a manger,  
Filled with bundles of hay.  
And the star still shone brightly  
As the wise men traveled by day.  
The shepherds came, too,  
Leaving their sheep on a hill,  
To see this boy wonder  
That brought to their hearts such a thrill.  
What was the purpose of this wonder to be?  
Why did the star shine so brightly for all to see?  
Why did the angels proclaim this child's birth?  
Why did the Son of God come down to our earth?  
He came here to save us,  
To save us from sin.  
He came to show mercy  
For all this world's men.  
So why do we celebrate  
This season with cheer?  
Because we know His victory is here,  
IT'S HERE!

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Thank you to all of you who helped us in our first year of preparing and distributing this newsletter, most especially to Jim Taylor, who allowed us to print it in color on his equipment at no charge. Also, THANK YOU to all of you who submitted articles in a timely manner. We must have articles of interest no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to assure that we have time to prepare and distribute the newsletter in a timely manner! This is very important. If you wish to contribute, please notify Evelyn Brown in person, by phone at 877-1975 (H) or at 487-3579 (W), or, if you prefer, by email at [evelynbrown@comcast.net](mailto:evelynbrown@comcast.net)