

# The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, February 14, 2010

## From Dave's Desk....

It's the talk of the town!

About three months ago my parents (Peter, 90 and Pauline, 84 Breen) moved in to a new senior citizens' residence. The sparkling new facility is "just what the doctor ordered" for my parents. The décor elicits lots of oohs and aahs. The highlight of each day is a noontime dinner when all 40-50 residents find their way into a beautiful dining room where they receive so much good food that they often ask for a "to go" tray for the leftovers.

Lately, as I understand, there has been no shortage of conversation over the second cups of coffee. Everybody's talking and everybody has an opinion. After lunch is over, residents linger in the hallways to discuss it. Why go back to the solitude of your own apartment when it's far more fun to speculate on what might happen next?

The talk of the town is love!

Apparently when the *Lodge* opened last fall, among the first wave of new residents, there was a sturdy single gentleman and an elegant female resident. Well, human nature being what it is--whatever the age--the sparks of friendship kindled the flames of companionship and now there seems to be plenty of heat!

The talk of the town is on everyone's lips. "Did you see her touching her arm?" "Are they going to get married?" "What will their kids say?"

Now even Linda and I are caught up in the drama of what might happen next. I can hardly wait for our next visit to the Breen's in apartment 204 to learn what might be happening down the hall!

Today—as the world celebrates love—I'm happy that this very special gift from God finds its expression in surprising places...places where one wrinkled hand holds another...places where palms are pressed against penitentiary plexi--glass...places where slowed reasoning produces halting speech...places where "I love you" is signed with fingers.

Do you, as I do, love the Bible text that celebrates the resilience of love?

*Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. Song of Solomon 8:7*

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Recently I was talking with my friend Carolyn about her mother, Lenora's (80+) ruby engagement ring. I asked her about how she felt about this new relationship. "I love it!"

Later this year she will be officiating as a pastor at her mother's marriage. Carolyn has discovered that, even with a heart full of love for her own beloved late father, she has unexpected room for love of her mother's new love.

Today, if you see love in an unexpected place, if you see love with uncommon grace, if you see love for a "wrinkled face" thank God. *For God so loved the world...*

*Pastor Dave*

### **Today's Rising...**

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: A Firm Foundation: *Why won't you be my neighbor?*

Sermon Text: Luke 10:25-37

### **Sunrise Schedule for this week...**

#### Today:

KidZone and Little Lambs will meet during the worship service.

Middle School Youth Group – 6:00 p.m. at the Schreer home.

#### Monday:

Board of Elders meet – 7:00 p.m. at Paul Erffmeyer's home.

#### Tuesday:

Board of Directors meet – 7:00 p.m. at the church office.

#### Wednesday:

Men's Early Morning Bible Study – 6:30 a.m. at the church office.

Retreat committee meeting – 12:30 p.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Carol VanHaitsma's home.

Young Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. with Christy Veltman.

#### Thursday:

Ladies Morning Beth Moore Bible Study – 9:00 a.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Men's Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Dave's home.

### **From the Board of Directors...**

The offering collected on February 7<sup>th</sup> was \$3,641. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of February are: Budget \$4,198, Actual \$3,641. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,590. Thank you very much for your support of Sunrise Ministries and please pray that our ministries continue to show the glory of the Lord to all of us.

### **Middle School Youth Group...**

The Middle School Youth Group is having a special Valentine's Day meeting by candlelight TONIGHT from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Mark and Cindy Schreer's house. Their address is: 3254 Camrose Dr. in Hudsonville. Bring your Bible and a friend!

### **Sunrise Women's Retreat...**

We are excited that the Ladies Retreat is less than 2 weeks away! The committee is putting the finishing touches on a very special weekend for you! If you have any last minute questions, or you still would like to register, contact Kelly Bryant at 745-4722 or any of the committee members. Get ready for an overnight of fun, laughter, tears, spiritual inspiration and hear all about God's *Measureless Love* for you!

There is an informational letter regarding the retreat for each lady who has registered. You can find your letter on the table by the entrance door.

### **Open Forum Meeting...**

The congregation is invited to attend an open forum to ask questions regarding the finances of Sunrise Ministries. If you are interested in attending this, please join a combined boards meeting at the church office on Monday, February 22 from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Middle School Youth Group Retreat...**

The Middle School Youth Group is planning a retreat on the weekend of March 5 and 6. It will once again be held at Rockford Reformed Church. Parents: check with the youth group sponsors for all the details.

### **Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race...**

Be sure to save May 1, 2010 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race that Sunrise Ministries is sponsoring. Check out [www.hudsonvillehighlands.blogspot.com](http://www.hudsonvillehighlands.blogspot.com) for many details, including a training schedule to get you off the couch & ready to race! Volunteers are needed, and more importantly...runners are needed!! Pass the date along to your family & friends who might want to participate with you.

### **Words for Wellness...**

Take time for good nutrition. Being on the go and busy can mean sacrificing nutrition for convenience. Called the "original fast food," fruits and vegetables are easy to pick up and eat. Incorporate five servings a day into your diet.

*Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse*



### ***Birthdays this Week***

Monday – Andrea Briggs, Brooke Harmsen

Wednesday – Nicole Jaroh

Friday – Kelly Bryant

Saturday – Gavin Sinke

### ***Anniversaries this Week***

Today – Dale & Andrea Briggs

Monday – Keith & Carol VanHaitsma

# Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

## Trailer Transportation:

Today: Doug Gelder

Next Week: Eric Elling

## Refreshment Servers:

Today: Todd & Christy Hultink

Next Week: Jim & Patti Wallinga

## KidZone This Week:

Zone 1: Anne Foote

Zone 2: Deb Bennett

Zone 3: Jessi Helmholdt

Zone 4: Kelly Bryant

## KidZone Next Week:

Zone 1:

Zone 2: Leah DeYoung

Zone 3: Jen Elling

Zone 4: Jim Wallinga

## Greeters:

Today: Ty & Laura DeWitte

Next Week: Todd & Christy Hultink

Tom & Lisa Beuschel

## Nursery Care:

Today: Mayme Verburg

Tricia DeGroot

Next Week: Jennifer Ford

Melinda Herrema

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