



# The Grapevine

**Our Mission:** To receive and share God's love through worship, education, service and outreach.

## Editor's Note:

*What a lovely spring we are having. I hope you are all enjoying the fruits of God's wonderful creation. It is so hard for me to believe that we are already on month 5 of this year! Sometimes it is just a bit of a blur. I guess the old adage take time to smell the roses has merit. I have spent so much time cleaning out my garden beds that flowers are blooming and I have gotten busy with other things. This month I am going to try and*

*slow down some...not sure at all if I will be successful, change in this area of my life is tough for me. I do pray for wisdom and strength and will continue to do so.*

*I am thinking of all mothers this month as we celebrate Mother's day. I hope you all can have a moment to relax on this special day and take some time to smell the roses.*

*In Christ's Love, Petra*




*a mother  
is she who can  
take the place  
of all others  
but whose place  
no one else  
can take*

## Monthly Scriptures :

### May 7 :

Acts 7:55-60

Sermon Title:

***Sacrifice & Witness***

### May 14

1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon Title:

***"Made Alive in the spirit"***

### May 21:

Act 1:1-11

Sermon Title:

***"You Will receive Power By the Holy Spirit"***

### May 28:

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Sermon Title:

***Varieties of Gifts, the Same Spirit***

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## Pastor Ken's Corner

*1 Corinthians 12:3–13 (NRSV)*

*3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.*

*4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

As we celebrate the Easter Season and consider all the expectations and anticipations of the Apostles, the Jews, and the followers of Jesus, again and again we find ourselves mystified by our errors in understanding God's intent and purposes even though we have the scriptures of the Prophets and even Jesus's own teaching describing just what God's Plan is. From the **Ascension** (Acts 1:1-11) when Jesus orders His disciples to remain in Jerusalem and await the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which is fulfilled at **Pentecost** (Acts 2:1-21) where we are told of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and how many in Jerusalem gathered around and witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Who could have anticipated or expected or even comprehended all that occurs in this short amount of time.

Yet all of the above events and those to come are what we consider the great fulfillment of God's plan for Jesus.

Praise the Lord. He knows us and our needs better than we know ourselves, regardless of how knowledgeable we may believe we are. "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 111:10). We must revere and continue to seek Him.

From the Resurrection to the various sightings and encounters that follow, witnesses see Jesus in the flesh; they talk with him and interact with Him. There are many proofs that the Disciples, not just the inner circle, bear witness to Christ's victory over Death and the Grave.

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Paul describes the varieties of the gifts that we receive from God in 1 Corinthians 12:3-13. The variety of services and activities are all from the same Lord who activates them in us for the "common good".

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What a blessing to have been given to each of us by God through the Holy Spirit the following gifts: **the utterance of wisdom; the utterance of knowledge; gifts of healing; working of miracles; the gift of prophecy; the discernment of spirits; speaking in various tongues and to another the interpretation of those tongues.** All of these gifts are activated in us by the same **Spirit**, who allots to each of us individually **as the Spirit chooses.**

God wants us to witness to Him and use the gifts from the Spirit for the common good of all of humanity.

*12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

Each of us is baptized into one body and is a member of that one body in the one Spirit and we drink of the **one Spirit.** All of this is God's Plan, with the Son, working through the Holy Spirit to all of creation, *one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

As we marvel at the **gifts of God** by the Holy Spirit we see how God's purpose and Jesus's accomplishments are so far beyond our wildest expectations and so far above even our greatest anticipations. Let us seek to live into the gifts of the Spirit and to seek to find where the Spirit has blessed us with the gifts for the common good.

Easter is a Season, but our service to our Lord is everlasting. May we seek to find and use these **"varieties of gifts and varieties of services"** that GOD activates in everyone. The above list is not a complete comprehensive list of gifts as commentators and the Christian experience continue to demonstrate gifts that are not covered above.

We may NOT all have the same gifts but we all are blessed with some for the Common Good to Glorify God.

**Christ is risen...Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Praise be to our Lord Jesus the Christ!

**We** are reconciled to God through Christ and our Faith in Him.

As we walk in the world **physically** following the Footsteps of Christ, others will see us and what we do.

**Use your Gifts of the Spirit to give Glory to the Father above.**

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We continue to lift up the health concerns of our Church family as well as life events and even the routine daily events of our community around us.

We must continue to pray for all the agencies that work to improve the lives of those devastated by storms and other natural disasters.

Pray for our **local first responders** of Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue and Emergency Medical Teams, as well as our Military, National Guard and Coast Guard Responders at work around the world and all the families waiting patiently for their safe return.

Our **Cryer Mobile Food Pantry** has been scheduled for **May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

We pray for all of our community outreach services: food pantry, meals on wheels, and other ministries that we provide to our community through **our outreach**.

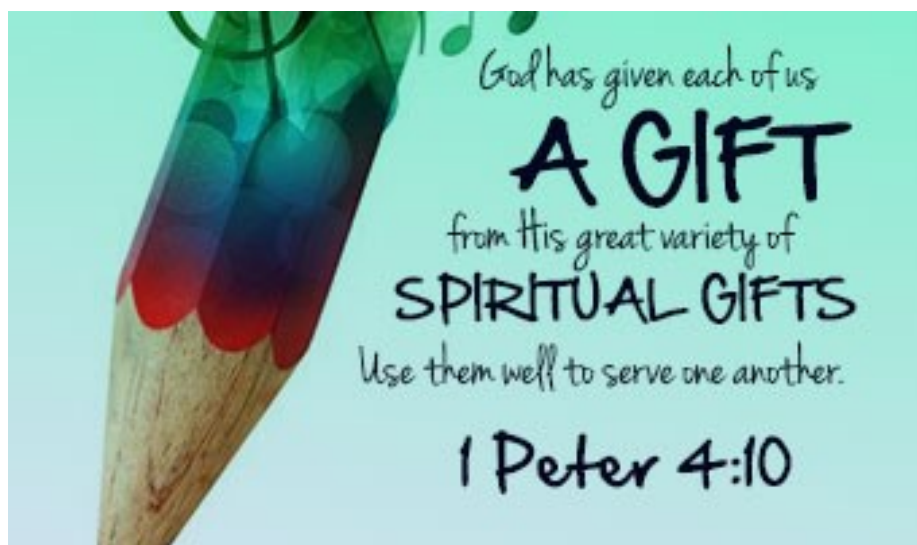
We pray for the hurting people of this world. We pray for our country and our leaders that they may be blessed by our Lord to do His will.

May we be a loving witness to our community to **demonstrate God's love to us.**

**May God Richly bless all of you and your loved ones.**

**Peace & Grace,**

**Pastor Ken**



LAY LEADER — WARREN WRIGHT

## DO YOU GIVE GOD THE FIRST FRUITS OF YOUR DAY?

Back a few years ago, we had a Bible study where we studied what other Christian religions believed and why. One of the common themes that we read about throughout all of these religions is the “Power of Prayer”. So this month I want to focus on what prayer should mean to us, and particularly Morning Prayer.

The morning is an excellent time for devotions. If you schedule to do it during your day or in the evening, what happens when your day or evening become so hectic that your devotion time gets pushed out of the line up?

By having communion with God the Father in the morning, we are saying, “God, you are most important in my priorities and I will give you the first fruit of my day.” If we allow time for God first thing in the morning, He will bring together the rest of your day. You will be full spiritually and will not be hungry for this world. If you wait until later to have devotions with your Father, it most likely gets pushed out of the line up and never gets done, sometimes going days without talking with God or reading His Word. You will fill yourself up with the world and be too stuffed to eat spiritually when you get home.

Jesus followed the Word of God in giving the Father first place in His thoughts, prayers and activities. David writes, “Let me hear your loving kindness in the morning for I trust in You. Make me to know the way in which I should walk for to You I lift my soul” (Psalm 143:8-11). By having our devotion time in the morning, we can ask God to lead us in the direction in which we should go for the day. Ask for God’s provision, guidance, and protection. I would recommend that you spend at least 15 minutes in devotion with God every morning, if not more.

***Mark 1:35-In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.***

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## Ministries:

### UMM

The UMM will next meet on Monday May 22nd at 7 PM. We will be holding our Mother’s Day breakfast on Saturday May 13th at 9 AM. All ladies of the church are invited. Remember there are no membership or dues requirements to be a part of the United Methodist Men of Clarksbury, just a willingness to serve Jesus Christ within your church and community.

**Mission-To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.**

### RECOVERING

Betty Johnson Connie Robertson Carl Tate

### Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

Our committee was very busy in April preparing the "Easter goodies" for the residents at Fishing Bay Estates. Mother's Day will be here soon and we will be planning and preparing a goodie for the ladies. Any suggestions or ideas will be greatly appreciated and look forward to suggestions.



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## Ministries and ETC:



**Mobile Food Pantry -**  
**Clarksbury United Methodist**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
**9:00am-11:00am**  
**Clarksbury United Methodist,**  
**Deltaville, VA 23043, United**



### Church Service Assistants for the month of *May*

#### Ushers:

*Alan Miller and Betty Chenoweth*

#### Liturgist:

*Linda Dobbins*

#### Counters:

*Fran Miller and Dawn Wilt*

*Open Hearts Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*

Deadline for the June newsletter is  
 Sunday, May 21,  
 Please send your emails and  
 articles to [pwalian2@gmail.com](mailto:pwalian2@gmail.com) for  
 inclusion in the newsletter.



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Annual Budget 2023 Operating Funds	118,440.00
Total Received for Operating Funds 04/23/2023	39,941.82
Total Needed by end of April	-461.82

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## Ministry Notices:

Soup Ministry; Warming Tree Ministry; Coat Rack Ministry  
Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner

The Soup Ministry continues to distribute soup to our recipients, the third Monday of each month. This is because we now deliver groceries from the Cryer Center Mobile food pantry the first Saturday to our recipients. The soup ministry delivered Thanksgiving meals to residents at Fihing Bay and our other soup recipients as well. During December we delivered Christmas gift bags, prepared by Jerry Dant and her Outreach and Nurture Committee, to each of our folks.

We also were able to distribute warming tree items and coats during our first-of-the-month Cryer Center Mobile Food Pantry distribution which continues through the first weekend of March. We DO HAVE some warming articles and coats if needed. You just need to contact Pastor Ken and he will be able to help you.

THANK YOU for supporting these very important ministries of your church. If you would like to help in any way, just contact one of the committee members listed above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or email [kdwright@va.metrocast.net](mailto:kdwright@va.metrocast.net). God Bless.

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## Ministry Notices:

### Meals on Wheels - a little-known Clarksbury Mission

"Meals on Wheels is a national program to deliver meals to seniors who are unable to leave their home or prepare their own meals. It is administered locally by Bay Aging. Our church provides volunteers to cover deliveries in the Deltaville area for one month each quarter. Volunteers meet a delivery person at the church and take the prepackaged food to the homes of the recipients. Currently the time required to make the deliveries is less than two hours. If you would be interested in helping out with this mission and make the deliveries please Linda Bartz.



May	Volunteer Name
3	Eileen and Randy Crittenden
10	Linda Dobbins and Terry Cleveland
17	Cheryl Teagle
24	Dawn Wilt and Charlie Townes
31	Linda and Don Bartz



Please note Scholarship Applications are due on June 15. You can download the scholarship applications from the church website at [clarksburyumc.com](http://clarksburyumc.com)

## **Reprinted from Wikipedia: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is a Christian hymn associated with Easter. Most of the stanzas were written by Charles Wesley, and the hymn appeared under the title "Hymn for Easter Day" in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* by Charles and John Wesley in 1739. The hymn eventually became well known for the "Alleluia" sung as a melisma after each line, which was added by an unknown author, probably to fit the commonly used hymn tune, "Easter Hymn". It remains a traditional processional hymn on Easter Sunday.

### **HISTORY**

Charles Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist movement, wrote "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" in 1739 where it was initially titled "Hymn for Easter Day." He based it on an older anonymous Bohemian hymn titled "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today". The new hymn was first performed at the first service at The Foundry Meeting House after Wesley had adapted it into the first Methodist chapel. Following this, Wesley published it in the *Hymns and Sacred Poems* hymnal of 1739, initially with 11 verses of four lines each. The hymn was subsequently published in the hymnal *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists*, and in 1754, it appeared in *Harmonia Sacra*, a hymnal compiled by Thomas Butts. The hymn was later edited by Martin Madan for inclusion in his *Psalms and Hymns* hymnal (1769) by removing the seventh, eighth and ninth verses. The hymn eventually became popular in the Church of England from around 1780. Charles Wesley's brother, John Wesley excluded it from the *Wesleyan Methodist Church's Wesleyan Hymn Book*, which John did to preclude the inclusion of any specific seasonal hymns. It was not until 1831, when the Supplement to the Collection was published by an unknown Methodist, that "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" made it into the hymnals of the Methodist Church regularly. Prior to this hymn being published, church music had



**The hymn was first sung on Easter Sunday of 1740 at The Foundry in London.**

maintained a similar style of dynamics to music and chants from the Biblical period. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" was written as a more uplifting style of worship expressing personal feelings to God that eventually became the bed-rock of Christian music into the modern era. The composition of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" originally consisted of 11 verses of four lines, which were later reduced to six, and early in the 19th century "Alleluia" was added to the end of each line. This results in "Alleluia" appearing 24 times in the hymn. It is not known why this was done, but it is speculated by hymn analysts that it was to ensure that the hymn fit the "Easter Hymn" tune. The hymn led to a more popular awareness of Alleluia being used for Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The Methodist historian Bernard Lord Manning said about it: "But in the evening at the chapel, though I was uncertain about the prayers, there was no gamble about the hymns. I knew we should have Charles

Wesley's Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," with its 24 "Alleluias": and we did have it. Among any Dissenters worth the name that hymn is as certain to come on Easter Day as the Easter Collect in the Established Church (the Church of England). And mark this further—those 24 "Alleluias" are not there for nothing: the special use of "Alleluia" at Easter comes down to us from the most venerable liturgies. Our hymns are our liturgy, an excellent liturgy. Let us study it, respect it, use it, develop it, and boast of it. " "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" has been considered by many Christian hymnologists such as William Studwell, to be the most definitive church anthem for Easter. It is an example where Roman Catholics and Anglicans cease using the word "Alleluia" during the period of Lent but restore it into their services on Easter Sunday. Beyond Methodism and Anglicanism, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" has been adopted by other Christian denominations; Baptists have adopted the hymn. Likewise, Presbyterians have been singing the hymn since at least the 19th century where it was also included in hymnals used for missionary work in the colonies of the

British Empire. The hymn is also used by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; however, the church's hymnals only contain three verses of the hymn and have an altered text for them. The hymn is a variation of an earlier hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," a 14th-century Latin hymn which had been translated into English and published in *Lyra Davidica* in 1708 (and later in 1749 in Arnold's *Compleat Psalmodist*). In some hymnals, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* is in fact the three-stanza *Compleat Psalmodist* version with one or more of the additional stanzas written by Wesley appended. Though "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" gained early popularity from within the Church of England, over time the Anglicans' preference moved towards "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and away from Wesley's hymn.

#### TEXT

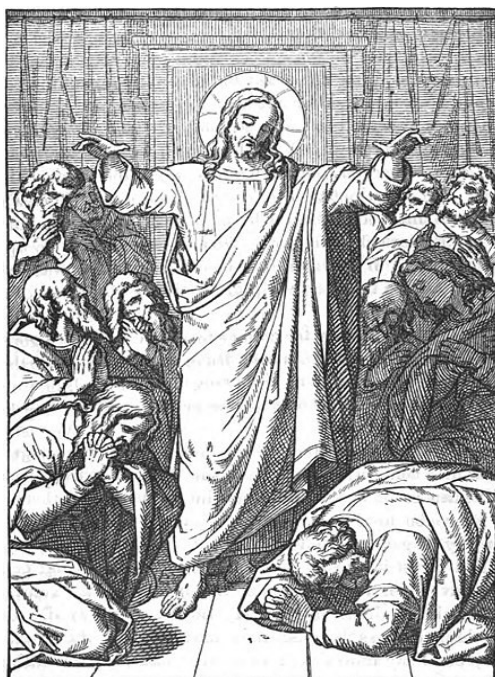
Each verse of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" features a focus on the Resur-

rection of Jesus. For the final verse, Wesley uses descriptive language to describe four requirements for Christians to enjoy eternal life with God. The focusses are for Christians: to know God, to bear witness to God, to sing their faith and to love one another. The lyrics of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" draw inspiration from a number of Biblical texts. The overall focus of the hymn is drawn from Matthew 28:5–6 where Mary Magdalene and the other Mary is told by an angel of Jesus' resurrection. The wording as well as the "Alleluias" are drawn from the Book of Psalms with a number of Psalms being used including Psalms 106, 111, 112, 113, 117 and 135. It also alludes to Revelation 19 where "Alleluia" sings out from Heaven. In 1989, the United Methodist Church's United Methodist Hymnal altered the second line of the first verse from "Sons of men and angels say" to "Earth and Heaven in chorus say." The change was one of many gender-neutralizing lyrical alterations the hymnal made in a professed effort to make the hymns more inclusive. This altered version has since been adopted by some other Christian denominations. When "Christ, the Lord, is risen today" was published by Thomas Butts in his 1754 hymnal *Harmonia Sacra*, it was paired with the tune *Maccabaeus*. The rousing melody was originally composed by George Frideric Handel, initially for his 1747 oratorio *Joshua*, and later added to his 1746 oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus*. This choice of a militaristic theme was intended to reinforce the metaphorical depiction of the resurrected Christ as a victorious warrior who has vanquished death and the powers of evil. Today, this tune is particularly associated with the 1923 hymn "Thine Be the Glory." Today there are two tunes commonly used for "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today;" these are "Easter Hymn" and "Llanfair." "Easter



**Charles Wesley**

Hymn," the most-used tune for the hymn, was originally titled "The Resurrection" and published anonymously in *Lyra Davidica* in 1708. Despite being anonymous, over time it has been misattributed to J. W. Worgan, Henry Carey and George Frederick Handel. The writer James T. Lightwood said of it: "there is probably no tune in Christendom so universally sung on any festal day as the Easter hymn, with its rolling 'Hallelujah', on Easter morning." "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" also gained popularity as a children's hymn by editors of children's hymnals. This was attributed to the tune being easy to learn despite the complex language within the text. "Llanfair" was written by Robert Williams in Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Anglesey, Wales and the tune was named after the town. This hymn tune was also harmonised by the Director of Music of University College, Oxford, David Evans. Other hymn tunes used for "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" are "Orientis Partibus," "Savannah," and "Resurrexit." One of these could potentially have been the original tune when it was first performed by Wesley, but this is unknown. British composer John Rutter published a choral arrangement of "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today", using the "Easter Hymn" tune, in 2016.



**An 1873 depiction of a scene from the Bible, in which Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection**

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## Food Pantry



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**WHOEVER SOWS  
SPARINGLY  
WILL ALSO REAP  
SPARINGLY,**

**&**

**WHOEVER SOWS  
GENEROUSLY  
WILL ALSO REAP  
GENEROUSLY.**

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**CORINTHIANS**

**9:6**

## *A Mother's Day Prayer to Honor and Bless Moms*

*Heavenly Father,*

*I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess. I pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children throughout the world would take time to honor their mothers, that you would show them how to uniquely do so.*

*I pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, schools. I pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society and that these women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. Amen.*

*- Aaron D. Brown*



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# May 2023

**Sun**

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**Sat**

	1	2	3 Melanie Johnson	4 Choir Practice 11am	5	6 Cryer Food Pantry 9-11 Isaiah Hosmer
7 Logan Smith	8 Paul Bisogno	9	10	11 Choir Practice 11am	12	13 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Charles Decker	17 Christopher Glenn	18 Choir Practice 11am	19	20 Morgan Smith Kimberly South
21 Eileen Crittenden	22 Betty Chenowith	23	24 Jim Salmon	25 Choir Practice 11am	26	27
28	29	30	31			

*May Birthdays (If you know of any additions, deletions or corrections that should be made to the birthday calendar, please let the newsletter editor know.)*