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### **Pastor's Report to the Society**

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

**Introduction:** We are coming up on the middle of our fiscal year, so it's time for a report to let you all know what's been going on at

church. So here are some past highlights as well as some future plans I can share with you at this time, with a special emphasis on our worship program.

## **Worship Gatherings**

On Sunday mornings, we started the fiscal year with a 4th of July Weekend sermon on **freedom of thought**, followed by a three-part series on **prayer**. Then we closed July out with a sermon on **listening and bias** from guest preacher, Richard Glenn. In August we had four stand-alone sermons on **developing a thirst for the Lord's Word**, **enlightenment from the Word**, the **Parable of the Talents**, and **four keys to a healthy spiritual community**. In September, we started the new season with a **holy supper** service, followed by a sermon on **the "unforgivable sin."** Then we began the seven-part series on **satisfying people's spiritual needs** that we are just about to wrap up this coming Sunday (Oct. 30), as I write.

Going forward, the preaching plan in November calls for not one but two sermons from Brian Smith, as well as one from guest preacher Calvin Heinrichs. In between all that, I will be offering another **holy supper** service on November 20th and then the annual **Thanksgiving** festival service on the 24th. In December we will (of course) have **Christmas** themed services for the first two Sundays, followed by a **Tableaux** service on December 18th, and then finish the month with services both on **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Morning**.

The new year will begin with a January 1st **holy supper** service followed by a topic still to be decided on the 8th. From there the plan is to offer another seven-part series, this time on the story of the prophet **Elijah**. March is still open (please send in suggestions and requests!) but might end up being focused on topics that lead up to **Easter**. Then **Palm Sunday** on April 2nd, **Good Friday evening holy supper** on the 7th, and **Easter Sunday** on the 9th.

After that, the preaching plan is, for now, undetermined until the end of May, at which point there will likely be a series on the distinctiveness of the **New Church**, culminating in our **New Church Day** festival service (and barbecue!) on June 18th. Also,

somewhere in the first half of 2023 we will likely have guest preaching from our regional pastor, and also possibly from a visiting bishop.

Also, on the topic of our worship services, we put together a **Music Team** over the summer, that is working on ways of enriching our worship (and also possible some of our social gatherings) with various musical offerings. Already they have produced some beautiful short instrumental postludes, and along with a group of singers offered a wonderful arrangement of Psalm 23, as put to music by New Church artist Tony Rose. Stay tuned for more such offerings in the coming year, including some special Christmas music, as well as a possible appearance of the school choir on a Sunday or two.

And speaking of music, let me tell you about our **congregational music** program. Over the past year we have been regularly incorporating favorite worship songs submitted by you and your fellow society members, in our congregationally sung music for Sunday worship. At this point we have sung every such favorite at least once (and for the most part more than once) *except* for those favorites that are not actually in the latest edition of the General Church Liturgy (last revised in 2005). Going forward, we plan to start incorporating some of those favorites into our worship as well. Because they are not in the Liturgy, we will be adding them as inserts or separate handouts that go with the worship programs we already print and use as part of our standard order of service. As we do this, we might also try out some other songs that have been enjoyed at other New Church worship gatherings, that perhaps few here have heard so far.

Which brings up the question: how do we **learn new music** for worship? Well, to a certain extent, by diving in and trying it on Sunday mornings. But in addition to that, we are also doing things to help familiarize you with new music apart from inviting you to sing it yourself. For instance, new songs are sometimes also being played as instrumentals during our preludes, interludes, and postludes. Another way to learn new music is to show up for the song practices that Ariel ran over the summer and will hopefully be able

to offer again next summer. Finally, you can get a jump start on learning new music by volunteering to join the music team for a particular song.

Oh, you didn't know you could do that. Well, you can! The way our **expanded music team** works, anyone who would like to be a part of offering new music—as a singer or as an instrumentalist or even as both—for just one particular song, is welcome to do so. There is no requirement for any commitment longer than one song. Just let me know you are interested, and we can talk about what song or songs you want to be a part of, and when it comes time to rehearse that song, we'll let you know!

### **Technology and Communications**

Of course, with the addition of new music to our worship gatherings, there is also a technical component. We have been slowly upgrading our **sound system**, and as of this writing have just a couple more hurdles to leap before we are done. This upgrade includes replacing our mixing board, rerouting all of the signals and channels, setting up microphones for singers and mics and inputs for instruments, and even setting up monitors so musicians can hear themselves in a more balanced way when performing. These improvements are aimed at not only making live choral and instrumental music better in the sanctuary, but also at bringing them clearly to our online participants through our YouTube channel.

And speaking of our YouTube channel, we continue to make tweaks and improvements to our Sunday morning **live stream**. Full congregational worship is something we do together as a community, side by side. However, not everyone is able to join us that way. Some are only sometimes kept away, while others for various reasons are almost entirely limited to joining us only online. There are even some regulars who connect with our livestream from as far away as Texas!

Our **YouTube channel** views are down from where they were a year ago, but that is partly a reflection of the fact that a year ago many people were more hesitant about going to public gatherings than they have been over the past twelve months. On average over

the past twelve months, we have tended to get ten to twelve regularly returning households watching our videos, along with between one and five new viewers who find our content, each weekend. Some of these, tune into the stream live, and more watch it later some time after it has been published.

In addition to our live streamed worship services, I will be resuming the series of made-for-YouTube videos on religious topics. To begin with, I will be editing and publishing the next sequence of “episodes” of the read through of the **Gospel of Mark**. We have also had other suggestions for online content that are under consideration, as well, so stay tuned!

## **Groups and Classes**

In the small group department, we continue to meet online on alternating Mondays to discuss readings from a book of the Word. Currently, we are about two thirds of the way through ***Apocalypse Revealed***. People are always welcome to join mid-book, but those who wish to wait until a new book is being started should know that as of this writing (Oct 26), there are about fourteen weeks left before that happens, not including any breaks around Christmas.

And speaking of that, we will once again be offering an online **Christmas Readings** group starting sometime in late November or Early December. Then, in the new year, there will also be an **Easter Readings** group in the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday.

Finally, we have just launched our new **Married Couples** group. Currently we are meeting in-person only, once a month, although both of those aspects are subject to change in the future.

## **Useful Community Service**

Over the summer we worked with a non-profit organization that provides charitable services for **refugees** moving into our area. This activity provides our members and friends opportunities for community service. There was recently a change in staffing related to coordinating volunteers, and this has led to a slowdown in things for us, but that should only be temporary.

There is still room for **other programs**, whether ongoing or one-time opportunities, as interest and lay-leadership arise. If you have a service project you would like to help make happen, please contact me.

## **Community Recreations**

Our **community outdoor fireside gathering** has continued strong every Wednesday night and has grown into a wonderful part of the social life of the church for many. We have also had good a **community volleyball** program going for some time now.

Going forward, I am looking for more ways to help and encourage you all to **gather socially** in various ways, including to celebrate Christmas, but also just to enjoy one another's company. If you have an idea for a community social event that you think should happen, please talk to me and we'll see what we can make happen.

## **The School**

You have a separate report from our Assistant Pastor with more details on our school programs, and as usual, I will hold off from adding much to that. Once again, I will repeat the same message I offer every time I give a report: **the future success of our school as a program of the church is critically dependent on our ability to recruit, hire, and retain more New Church educators in the coming five years.** I see this as the top priority for our school going forward. With this as a focus, we have made some really great hires recently, but we will continue to need to focus on this in the next few years to come.

## **Conclusion**

So that's (mostly) it: all the things happening with your local church, the Washington New Church. I thank you all for continuing to make my job here a delightful and rewarding one. Keep being the church, to one another and to the world, and keep looking to the Lord for instruction and leadership. I can't wait to discover what He has in store for us in the coming year.

Rev. Glenn "Mac" Frazier  
Pastor, Washington New Church, 2022-10-26

## School and School Board Report

This year's school board includes Gillian Frazier, Amanda Hyatt, Jenny Smith, Brian Smith, Mac Frazier, Kathy Johns, Michael Ferrell and Jean Allen. We rely on the Zoom for our meetings, allowing our members from three different counties to conveniently meet. The pandemic did teach us a few useful tricks...

Now that we are two months into our year, I can say a confident and huge thank you to our new teachers and our veterans - who help in every way they can to support the newer staff members. Ariel Martin is now in her second year and coasting on her vast experience, she is down to averaging only 80-hour weeks. Erin Stillman is one of our veterans, but she stepped up to help us fill several additional classes this year. She has been clear that we are not to count on this as our long-term solution, but we are grateful for the help just the same. Lauralyn Cooper is also in her second year as an art teacher, having doubled her previous year's responsibilities. Our two newest teachers are the Jordan's Kinsey and Brunne. Jordan K is helping us with a math course this year, despite continuing through her own school program. And Jordan B. has stepped bravely into the 5/6<sup>th</sup> classroom, despite the large shoes of Kim Maxwell that she now fills.

By coincidence (combined with two teachers in their first three years) we have a large number of support visits from the General Church teacher system. It happens that all our teachers (save Candy Quintero) are due for their support visit this year, which means we are hosting a series of out-of-town guests. Despite some added stress of being observed, these visits are mostly received as they are intended, to be an energizing support from an outside, experienced pair of eyes.

Other connections with General Church Education include planned administrator meetings in February of this year, followed by system-wide teacher meetings this June. No one (that I've met) applauds when meetings are announced, still, many of our teachers have positive memories of past gatherings which brought together New Church educators from around North America. These gatherings allow people to compare notes, share practical ideas and feel a

sense of camaraderie with colleagues who work in very similar school settings.

More broadly still, the General Church administration has been working on a document called, “statement of relationship” which aims to clarify in writing some of the many practices and unwritten assumption that have grown up in the General Church over the 100 or so years. This has relevance to the school for clarifying issues of authority, supervision, policies etc. in each of our schools as they relate to the central body. In recent years, GC Education has taken a position of “consultant and service provider” more than director. Regardless of officially stated responsibilities, Rebekah Russell, and Scott Daum, (recently replaced by Greg Henderson) are consistently available and supportive of the work that goes on in our schools.

The White Horse Academy high school has been under review this year as to its long-term viability due to low enrollment. That review continues, but we can continue so long as we do have New Church families interested in the program (along with sufficient special donations to keep costs manageable). This year, we are happy to include two homeschoolers from Georgia in our religion class. These, added to our local students make for lively, detailed, and interesting discussions. The high school teachers find teaching this group to be a pleasure. Jana Sprinkle, is enjoying the easing of COVID restrictions as she helps students to pursue their experiential learning hours, go on field trips and connect with people from a wide range of careers and work experiences. Carole Waelchli teaches two of the local students this year, and she draws on her long experience, and beautifully prepared lesson plans to provide a firm base from which she can adapt to their individual needs.

Peggy and Ervin Williams, who are grandparents of several long-term WNCS students, recently finished producing, writing, and distributing a Christmas comedy movie. They offered us a pre-release premier as a family movie night and fundraiser for WNCS arts programs. I was grateful for the generous offer, the opportunity for a fun event on the calendar and the window it gave our



students into the making of a movie. Nothing like seeing your classmates in a feature length film! - Brian Smith, Principal

### ***From the Board of Trustees:***

The Board met on October 11 for a regular meeting to hear status and discuss Pastor's report, School report, and financial reports. Special topics of discussion included the Sumner Camp that used our facilities over the summer, and a report on Acton Park. Planning for the Fall Society meeting was started and is scheduled for November 4. The Board is still seeking volunteers for the Investment Committee. The next Board meeting will be on November 8.

~ Sharon Cooper, Secretary


### **Announcements**

**Society Semi-Annual Meeting & Potluck:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm there will be a potluck supper [Please bring the following if your last name starts with... **A – F:** Salad, **G – R:** Dessert **S – Z:** Entrée.

The potluck will be followed by the society meeting at 8:00pm.

**Thanksgiving Service:** As is our custom, the Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. This is a family service. All are welcome to bring a food or fruit offering. Fresh fruit will be delivered to WCNJ folks sick or in need and any non-perishable food will be delivered to a shelter or food bank in the area.

**Tableaux:** The Christmas Tableaux will be held this year on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Mac is looking for a few people interested in volunteering to help or direct them.

**Earn \$ for the Church with Your Online Shopping:** Amazon  Smile donates a percentage of all your online shopping to the charity of your choice. To date, the few people who are donating through Amazon Smile have raised \$995.51 as of September 2022 for the church. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). 1) Sign in with the password you use for Amazon.com.

2) Select your charity. 3) Start shopping! **Tip:** Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**Echo 2022-2023 Directory:** The newest edition of the directory (2 years in the making) is finally published and available to be picked up in the church lobby. If you are not able to pick one up, please email bonnie at: [bonnie.cowley@washnewchurch.org](mailto:bonnie.cowley@washnewchurch.org) and I will mail you one. Or, you can have me email you a PDF version.

**Community Volleyball** is held weekly on Mondays at 7:15 and is at the Glendale community center. People could text Lincoln Smith -202-834+9188 or Brian Smith – 301-850-3029 if they want info or regular reminders.

**Community Fire circle:** The fire circle starts to feel particularly good as the cold weather sets in. Consider taking some time on a Wednesday evening starting at 8:00pm to drop in share the warmth with your friends. The fire is going every Wednesday with few exceptions.

## **White Horse Academy**

The White Horse Academy is off to a running start. We are nine weeks in with four field trips accomplished and two more scheduled. We have volunteered at Red Wiggler Farm again - this time digging up plastic that was covering the tomato beds and harvesting squash of several different varieties. We also volunteered at the Forest Garden one Friday. We have been to the home of the Alice Ferguson Foundation at Hard Bargain Farm, where we practiced identifying macroinvertebrates from a stream by the Potomac and we tested the water for various substances that might cause harm, as part of our Environmental Science course. Soon, we will be evaluating our school grounds, Acton Park, and our local watershed. Be on the lookout for updates on the bulletin board in our hallway.

We have been to D.C. to visit the various monuments and statues looking for themes regarding what we honor in our American culture. We are racing through the history of the United States as a review. In the next couple of weeks, students will find out if they can pass the Citizenship Exam taken by immigrants wishing to become

naturalized citizens. Then, we will go on to discover and examine the many types of communities existing in the U.S. Speaking of communities, in English, we are learning about Native American cultures through their myths. We will shortly be taking a trip to the Native American museum in D.C. Languages students are studying this year include Latin I, Korean I and Python (not Slytherin, the computer language). Experiential Learning is as varied as the students themselves. Students are exploring piano playing, sign language, Valorant coaching, dance, designing and drawing signage, and cooking. They have even coined a new term, "Jalking" a combination of walking, jogging, and talking for exercise. I am also scheduling career speakers for experiential learning. Type me an email if you have a burning desire to participate ([jana.sprinkle@washnewchurch.org](mailto:jana.sprinkle@washnewchurch.org)); otherwise, I will be contacting you! We are experiencing and will continue to have a very productive year, thanks to all who donate to and participate in our programs! ~ Jana Sprinkle, WHA Education Coach

**TAG Corner:** Our November meeting has been moved to Monday, **November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at the church.

This will be the only meeting before the holiday season; so there is much to plan for! Please do your best to attend this meeting.

“Souper” Sunday has gotten off to a great start with the “Souper” Sunday picnic in September, a sale after church October 16 and one coming up Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We may be wearing out our makers and bakers so if you like to make soup or bread, please let us know.

### **October Song:**

Somebody needs to write a song about the monumental display of colors displayed by our local vegetation this year. A number of people have commented on how it seems to be the best display in memory, but of course some memories are better than others. Even so, it has been, and still is, spectacular and uplifting, and reminds us of the many bunches of beauty our



Creator gifted us – all for free! All we have to do is avoid messing it up. If you haven't done so already, take a drive and soak up the wonder of it all. (Actually, Mr. Vivaldi already did that song thing, but more would be good.)

**Felicitations:**

**Lincoln Smith** is happy to announce his engagement to **Valerie Vaché**. Valerie is an incredible loving widowed mother of three amazing kids—Clare, Violet, and Charlie. He looks forward to introducing her (and them) to everyone as soon as humanly possible!

**And Congratulations:**

To **Ralph and Kristen Mix** on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Rose Mix! Lucy arrived on October 25th weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 18 inches long.

**Condolences of a sort:**

Have you ever spent vacation time at the beach (any will do) with a bunch of sick children who, in addition to runny noses, etc., have sand in their jammies and everywhere else possible? Ask **Hanna and Derek Hyatt** about that. They tried it at a family reunion in South Carolina where they were supposed to be relaxing and vacationing their little hearts out but ended up dealing with Kleenexes and eye drops for wicked eye infections (in all three kids) and avoiding everyone else's. Hanna reports that on the bright side the food was delicious.

**And of Another Sort:**

**James & Jeannette Roscoe, Bonnie Cowley and Elias Hernandez** decided to see for themselves whether the leaves were worth peeping, so they took a drive near the end of October to Biglerville, Pennsylvania to take a look. Although they were not as impressed with the foliage this year as their memories thought they would be, they salvaged the day by visiting a couple of apple orchards. (Perhaps next year they will try a little earlier in the month! Or were they really looking for apples?)

**Followed by:**

More congratulations. This to James Cooper who will receive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Outstanding Leadership Medal in recognition of his efforts in managing the James Webb space telescope Sunshield. He also has received this year the Robert H Goddard Honor Award for Exceptional Engineering Achievement, the Goddard *Engineering & Technology Directorate* Excellence Award for Engineering, and the Goddard *Mechanical Systems Division* Excellence Award for Engineering. It seems that they liked having the sunshield work.

### **Developing News:**

Some of you might have noticed a change in the lane striping on Enterprise Road at the Chantilly Lane intersection. In the middle of the night (literally) a large stealth crew of people and machines wielding paint brushes and a bunch of yellow and white paint stripes showed up to convert the traditional two-lanes and a crash intersection into a four-laned Enterprise Road with two through lanes and two dedicated left-turn lanes. This seems to have been the result of a fortuitous conversation with the guy in charge of designing the installation of a traffic light at that intersection. It turned out that he did not know there was a church and a school on Chantilly Lane, which turned out to be important to his design. He then included the new lanes in his design! Try out the new lanes sometime on your way to church or school.

And in other developing news: "we" have been informed that a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (No. PPS-4-22015) for the "Triangle Seven Farms" land at 3800 Enterprise Road (across the street from the Cooper, Smith, and Radcliffe houses) will be submitted for review by the Park and Planning Commission in the (near?) future. The plan will seek approval of a funeral home and ancillary banquet hall for Strickland Funeral Home. A copy of the notice is posted in the Church lobby, providing additional information on how to become a Person of Record to the application.

### **Traveling News:**

**Pastor Mac and Gillian Frazier and family** traveled to Bryn Athyn for the Memorial Service for Mac's sister Tanny Friend,

who passed away over the summer after a long illness. Rev. Grant Schnarr officiated. Once again, condolences to the Frazier family.

**Bill and Sharon Kunkle** report "We recently returned from a Relatives Road Trip to the Midwest, which included visits with Bill's sister Marion, Sharon's brother Duncan, Bill's Aunt Sandy, attending niece Erika Hyatt's wedding to Patrick Linehan (LOTS of Hyatts attending!) and seeing Julie Uber on our way back through Pittsburgh. We had great weather throughout and enjoyed seeing Fall in many different stages as we drove through MD, PA, OH and MI!"

**Kathy and Brad Johns** climbed the Matterhorn...on a train! (OK – do you know where the Matterhorn is?) Kathy reports that they finally got to take the trip that was Covid cancelled three years ago. Five days were spent on Lake Luzerne for a Voice Over Retreat in the quaint town of Vitznau and then five more days on their own touring Zermatt, Lake Geneva (The Olympics Museum & a 1910 Paddle Boat ride) on through the capital, Bern, and a short stop at Lindt Chocolate Factory for a sweet tour. Switzerland is a beautiful country packed with amazing views and picturesque villages - lots of cows & sheep - and even some tropical palm trees.

**Dorothy Radcliffe** reports that they had a good visit with **Edward, Wystan and Owen Simons** when they were here recently to visit family in the area. They have a big red trailer which we rode in, and which is surprisingly comfortable for its size. It has all the comforts of home, (at least most of them).

In mid-October, **Anders Croft** travelled to Bonaire, a Dutch Caribbean Island (OK, do you know where that is?) for some scuba diving adventures. The trip was run by the national aquarium and Atlantic Edge Scuba (the dive shop that trained him some time ago). The theme of the trip was coral restoration and climate awareness. He travelled to Bonaire, where he then met up with about 15 others who were on this same trip. They stayed at a PADI dive resort called "Buddy Dive" and dove every day for 5 days, in beautiful aquamarine Caribbean water. Many of the dives were on the Buddy Dive "house reef" (just off the shore) doing

maintenance on their coral reef farms. Anders reports that “we learned to clean coral ‘trees’ (which are pvc pipe structures that float underwater with coral pieces hanging off and hopefully growing). We also learned to plant coral pieces back onto areas of the reef. It was an awesome trip, at a beautiful island.”

**Anders** displayed his versatility after returning from the Caribbean by shedding the scuba gear and putting on bicycle gear to take part in the 2022 Georgetown Bellringer bicycle ride. This was Georgetown University’s first ever Bellringer Ride to End Cancer, a project several years in the making. Riders could sign up for either a 25-, 50-, or 100-mile ride while also committing to fundraise at least \$500.00 for cancer research at the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Research Center. There were about 1200 riders the day of the event, which raised over 1 million dollars for cancer research. Anders reports that “the ride was absolutely beautiful, starting at Georgetown University and going up through Potomac to Germantown. This ride will be annual, so encourage people to sign up next year!”

In October, several **WNC teens**, accompanied by **Principal Brian Smith** joined about 50 others in Pittsburgh for a New Church youth weekend (restarted after a COVID pause). The group included folks from Pittsburgh, Washington, Kempton, Oak Arbor, Kitchener and Toronto. Brian reports that even though a weekend is short, they still had time for class and worship services, community service, games, meals, and some touring and exploring in downtown Pittsburgh. Part of the vision for the weekends is twice-yearly meetings, hosted by different congregations. This can allow connections to deepen through regular opportunities to meet.

The annual celebration of its **Charter Day** was celebrated by the Academy on the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup>, and several Washington Society members attended to participate in the celebration and to visit with older friends. **Bonnie and Dave Cowley** were there to celebrate Dave’s 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, **Stewart and Patti Smith** celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion with Stewart coordinating the Charter Day art exhibits and **Sharon and John Croft** were there to celebrate her 40<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie reports that she spotted **Ryan & Libby Allen**;

saw **Brent and Amanda Hyatt & Lincoln Smith** visiting their daughters who are attending ANC secondary school; had a lovely morning visit with **Ginny Gladish** in her new digs at Cairnwood Village; and had short football game visits with former assistant pastors **Bishop Peter Buss Jr.** and **Rev. Tom & Annette Rose**. As well as a memory full of others who must remain unmentioned (but they know who they are).

**Helping Hand News:** Put this on your calendar: **Pancake Breakfast! Work Party – Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.** Come one and all and enjoy a great pancake breakfast and spend a morning (or maybe a little more?) with your friends helping to maintain the church and school building and grounds.

Job #1 – The gardens and landscaping continue to need care. Weeding, mulching & pruning are never-ending tasks. Bring your rakes, pruners, leaf blowers and gloves and wish for a sunny day.

Job #2 – Cleaning the Tractor Shed. This shed, just down the hill from the school, used to be a great place to teach Woodshop. Sadly, it has been used as a place to store lots of odd stuff that we moved out of the building for the 2014 renovation. Eight years is too long to not be able to use this great space.

Job #3 - Do you want to get an early start? You can come at 7:00am and help with breakfast—but please call Bonnie Cowley and let her know you wish to help.

Job #4 – There is always cleaning, maintenance and fixit stuff to do inside as well! We look forward to seeing you all.

### **Finally:**

Do you, too, wish to become famous? All you have to do is write a couple of lines about you adventures and send them to the editor. We'd like to hear from you.

**Just in:** **Candy Quintero** reports that Chuck's surgery went well, and they really appreciated the help and concern from church friends. Candy especially appreciated the help with meals.