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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Over our 91 year history, Back Bay Mission has been an extremely resilient organization. We have seen the likes of Hurricane Camille, the hurricane of Casinos to the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Georges, and Hurricane Katrina, yet at our core we have stayed here in Biloxi, a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serving the people of the Gulf Coast. This is not to diminish in any way the fact that we have lost a tremendous leader in Shari Prestemon, it is to say that Back Bay Mission is not just one person, one leader. Back Bay Mission is all of us collectively, Board, staff, partners in mission, volunteers, clients, guests, all of us in ministry together. We all make up this awesome, resilient, service organization. Under Shari's passionate leadership, the Mission has grown in so many ways … programming, as well as a capable staff to handle it all. It is because of this staff that we know our mission will continue, regardless of the leader at the helm. We feel we have only just begun.

Our Board of Directors has already put a committee in place to search for a new Executive Director. I know they will work diligently to bring a new leader that loves passionately who we are, respects where we've been and has the vision to take us where we hope to and need to go. The search is national and the process may take as long as a year. We do not plan to rush because finding the right person takes time.

In the meantime, we are, also, in search for an Interim Executive Director to step in, to oversee the budget and programs established by the Board of Directors, to maintain relationships that have been established in local government and business partner human service agencies, and continue to foster the partnerships we have developed.
While the search continues, the Mission will be in the capable hands of Mr. Kenney Washington as Acting Director and of course the staff that continues to do its thing on a daily basis.

We may be in transition, but the Mission and its mission continues!

Blessings,

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Participants in the Mission's "Food Nutrition" class celebrate receiving their certificates.

A Time For All Things

by Derek Eady

After 13 years as Executive Director of Back Bay Mission, Shari Prestemon left in September to serve as Conference Minister of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ. With only a few weeks before her departure I sat down with the outgoing ED to discuss the State of the Mission, tough lessons, advice for the next ED, and yes, the legacy question.

1) As your time as ED of BBM reaches its conclusion and you look back over your shoulder at your time here. What are some of the programmatic successes that you are most proud of accomplishing?

I am proud of all our programs and the staff members who work so hard every day to give them life and provide our services to the Gulf Coast community. We've managed to maintain our core programs over the years while also innovating to meet evolving needs through new program development.

The Home At Last program was the first such new program developed since I began as Executive Director, and it is now in its tenth year of providing housing and case management to those experiencing homelessness in this community. The outreach aspect of that program – meeting those who are homeless where they are in camps and on the streets – is an especially important aspect of that program, in my view.

The overwhelming housing shortage after Hurricane Katrina caused us to think more expansively about Back Bay Mission's role in meeting housing needs on the Gulf Coast. The creation of our affordable housing initiatives resulted, as well as the development of a not-for-profit housing agency subsidiary, the Gulf Coast Housing Initiative, Inc. I'm so grateful that our Board of Directors was willing to make a significant investment in this start-up organization so that we could do more, and I am proud of the amazing work accomplished thus far, including acquisition and rehab of foreclosed homes and the construction of housing for homeless veterans.

A very recent addition to our program services was also established to serve veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is just a year old but was the first program funded on the MS Gulf Coast by the VA, so we are delighted to have led the way in this regard and certainly have confirmed in the process that there is an enormous and (likely growing) need for such services.

I also have to mention our Day Center for people experiencing homelessness. After Katrina left us with a blank slate on our campus, we were able to design the new Micah Center building for this purpose and it has been an incredible addition to our program offerings and to the community. It's one of those places where our core value of hospitality really shines, as our 'guests' are welcomed by name and given a safe place to access services efficiently.

As proud as I am of all these wonderful new programs we've developed over the years, they could never diminish the ongoing importance of our core and historic programs like emergency assistance, the food pantry, and housing rehabilitation with our incredible volunteers from all over the country. And our advocacy on justice issues also remains so important. All these efforts together comprise the enormous ministry that is Back Bay Mission.

2) What has been the most difficult period for you as ED?

The months and years following Hurricane Katrina. That was an unbelievable and incomprehensible time that nothing could ever have prepared me for. In a single day, we lost so much. Six buildings had to be demolished and the seventh took a year-and-a-half to repair. Half of our staff was displaced by the storm due to their own losses. The community we served was of course also vastly different and had enormous new needs to consider. We had to re-imagine pretty much everything. It was daunting.

While that period will likely always stand as the biggest professional challenge I have faced, it was also a time when enormous blessing was revealed. We were deeply fortunate to have such a wide-spread and committed base of supporters that showed up to help in every conceivable way. And God accompanied us throughout, lending strength and courage and hope for those unprecedented days. In the midst of all the unfathomable devastation, Back Bay Mission proved to be a very resilient organization.

continuing... A Time For All Things

3) How did you stay motivated/positive not only in your role as ED but also in the aftermath of Katrina as a resident of the Gulf Coast? (what I mean is that there are many people who lived and worked in this area after Katrina but so few of them had an entire organization looking at them for encouragement and motivation.)
It was very difficult, no question. The Mission needed me to be a strong, innovative leader more than ever. Those who so loved BBM nation-wide were eager to see us pick ourselves up and move forward, and of course people on the Gulf Coast needed BBM to rise to the challenge and be there for them. At the same time, I was dealing with my own profound loss and grief, as were all of us during those days. I was fortunate to have family and friends and Board leadership who allowed me to vent and question and worry and grieve when it all just became too overwhelming. And it was certainly a time when I relied heavily on my personal faith, summoning a trust in God that managed to keep me focused and centered even when I was absolutely exhausted and uncertain. Yes, those were hard times….long months and years. Perseverance was key.

4) What have you learned over the past thirteen years about ministering in the fields of Social Service? What have you learned about Shari and her ability to lead?
I've learned that continuous learning is absolutely essential. The needs of the community are constantly changing, the funding climate is as well, and best practices are always evolving. You have to do your homework and develop a professional network that keeps you informed and on top of all of it. I've also learned that relationships are key, building and maintaining them across multiple sectors. It does no one any good, and certainly not the organization, to be insular and disconnected. No one can afford to be a lone ranger these days. Collaboration is so important.

Finally, I believe strongly that maintaining personal and organizational integrity is critical.

5) What advice would you give the incoming Executive Director?
Love and trust and equip your staff. Engage in the Gulf Coast community. Make the story and witness of Back Bay Mission come alive in as many ways as you can for the Mission's supporters nationwide. Take time to hear the stories of those the Mission is there to serve; get to know them. Build bridges of cooperation whenever you can. Value and celebrate all the relationships from every direction that make the experience of BBM such a rich and diverse one. Keep the faith.

6) Is there one thing that you hope the Board of Directors always keeps in mind about the Mission?
Never be content with only doing what the Mission has always done. Keep stretching. Be willing to take measured risks. Trust the staff's assessment of what is needed and possible. Invest in the mission and its people and the results will come.

7) What do you want the staff here to always remember about the work that is done here?
Embrace the Mission's core values. Serve with passion and integrity. Treat those you serve and those who work with you with respect and extend to them love and hospitality. Serve with humility. Remember the call of the prophet Micah to "do justice". The core values set the bar high and are not always easy to realize, but keeping them front and center is essential.

I would also want the staff to always remember that they are not alone in this very challenging work. BBM is so incredibly blessed to be surrounded by so many who support this place with their treasure and their talent and their prayers. It is part of a wide network, a loving family. This can be hard to remember when you're immersed in the daily grind of the work itself, but it's such a wonderful aspect of being part of the organization.

And since BBM is a faith-based organization, we also would be wise to remember that God too is always with us. There's a lot of power in that.

8) When you think of your legacy as ED of BBM, how do you want your legacy to be remembered?
This will really be for others to answer as the years and decades unfold. I suppose I hope that I will be remembered as a leader who was ultimately faithful and persevering in yet another challenging season of the Mission's life. I hope I will be seen as someone who stayed true to the Mission's core, while taking BBM to new heights in service.

The entire interview is available on Back Bay Mission's official You Tube Channel @ http://www.youtube.com/user/BackBayMission

Since we last spoke...

Although no one wanted to see her leave, everyone enjoyed celebrating Shari's time at the Mission. Below are a few of the highlights from our "Celebrate Shari" reception.

Board Members, staff and guests all had a great time!

Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway presented Shari with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing her 13 years of service at Back Bay Mission.

Back Bay Mission's Board of Directors

Wells Fargo Foundation recently donated $6,800 to assist Back Bay Mission's Housing Rehabilitation program. Misty Russell and Tina Gabriel presented the donation to Back Bay Mission on behalf of Wells Fargo Foundation

Pictured from LtoR: Tonya Hokamp, Linda Schonewitz, Sandy M. Roberts, Paulette Strayham, Debbie Loveliss. **Helping Another Lifts Own Spirits (HALO)** visited the Mission to donate 851 pounds of food. "We value what Back Bay Mission does and so we wanted to support its work." Sandy M. Roberts, Executive Director of HALO

Everett Lewis, Associate for Housing Initiatives talks with Big Ridge Baptist Church of D'Iberville, MS about Back Bay Mission's HomePort II project. Lewis discussed housing homeless veterans and how churches can assist in funding this project.

Moving Forward

by Derek Eady

Recently, Back Bay Mission's Board of Directors approved new Vision and Mission statements along with new strategic priorities. I spoke with Kenney Washington, Director of Clients Services and Acting Executive Director about the new Vision and Mission statements and how they reflect the values of the Mission.

VISION

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MISSION

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The Mission now has new Vision and Mission statements as approved by the Board of Directors. How do both statements reflect the work this Mission has done for 91 years?
Back Bay Mission has always been at the forefront of attempting to meet the needs of the community. If there has been an unmet need in this community, Back Bay Mission has been part of the team to initiate change. The Mission's history, and future for that matter, is reflected well in our new Vision and Mission statements.

The Vision statement, like all vision statements for an organization, is quite lofty. It reads "To eradicate the sting of poverty and its effects on individuals and communities." What do you see on a daily basis as the sting of poverty and what's one way that the Mission is combating that sting? I see daily the sting of poverty as people needing assistance with food, shelter (which includes rental and utility assistance), affordable housing, transitional housing and vital home repairs. We combat this sting through our food pantry, providing housing assistance to veterans, placing homeless individuals and families in housing through Home At Last (which is our permanent supportive housing program) and repairing houses through our Housing Rehabilitation program. Finally, we combat the sting of poverty by providing our homeless guests with an opportunity to get their general needs met and providing them with an opportunity to change their current situation.

The new Mission statement talks about "creating collaborative solutions." Give us an example of a collaborative solution and why these solutions are so important. We have longstanding partnerships with various community agencies which serve the same vulnerable populations that we serve. We collaborate with organizations dedicated to providing affordable housing and who provide various social services to homeless individuals and families. We work with churches to assist with utility payments, bus tickets and some prescription medications.
We can all get more done with less energy and fewer resources when we work together; especially in areas where our services complement each other. There is also a collaborative effort between programs here at Back Bay Mission to meet the needs of the clients that we serve.

When someone reads "transforming lives through mission immersion experiences" they may not fully understand this concept. Describe what mission immersion experiences are and why these experiences are so impactful. These experiences provide an avenue for our volunteers to get a full sense of what this Mission is about. The transformation of what people may think about poverty, people in poverty and lending a helping hand to those in poverty is very powerful. People who commit themselves to this experience walk away with a greater sense of the need. Many come down for a week end up returning as long term volunteers through Volunteer Ministries. I've seen people come down who may have educational backgrounds that aren't social service related change their majors after mission immersion experiences. The impact of a week here can last a lifetime. Our last executive director came to the Mission as an intern and her time here turned out to be a life-altering experience. We now have an internship in her name, the Shari Prestemon Social Justice Internship, and we hope that the same experience will be shared by others.

A Mission Moment

I remember my first Back Bay Mission Shrimp Boil. It was in the 80's and Rev. Don Morgan came to Community Congregational Church in Villa Park, Illinois, and we boiled a mountain of shrimp. We heard the Back Bay Mission story as we ate at round tables and threw our shucks on the center of the table. This morphed into buying boxes of frozen shrimp at Christmastime in successive years. But it wasn't until September 2005 when I was scheduled to lead a mission trip to Biloxi that I realized how special Shrimp Boil dinners are to the history of the Mission.

The Back Bay Mission trip had been planned for the second week in September. Hurricane Katrina intervened on August 25 of that year. It would be late January 2006 before a small contingent from St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Elmhurst joined the procession of workers who wanted to do something to help rebuild after the massive destruction of Katrina. Their group came and stayed at the Gulfport Presbyterian Church for a week and learned of how responding to the need of others can change one's own heart forever.

I remember coming home after the trip and there wasn't a dry eye in the congregation when we gave our report. Our DVD of the landscape and devastation raised the congregation's awareness and compassion. A new relationship was forged and larger mission trips followed. I kept leading mission trips to the Gulf Coast and to New Orleans.

At First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn I joined a work crew in 2011 at the Mission as a self-described 'dumpster-diver-chaplain'. "At one work site there was a huge dumpster filled to overflowing with debris from the devastated house that the Mission was rehabbing," she says, "Gulfport had just told the resident that in order to have the dumpster hauled away all the debris that protruded above the top of the huge receptacle could not be visible. Everybody was busy at that time so I tidied up the mountains of materials in the dumpster and instantly I was crowned the 'dumpster diver.' I was hoping to be promoted to 'dumpster diva' but I never made it."

Clearly there is a deep resonance with Back Bay Mission in me. The opportunity to be involved, the challenge to work in less-than-optimal situations taught me so much about how a Christian community can shape us through a common purpose. The interns and volunteers at Back Bay Mission were able to help mission trippers to catch a glimpse of their work in a much grander scheme than just a week in often sweltering Mississippi summer. Here we were able to develop our growing edges in personally-empowering ways by walking with the residents of the Gulf Coast. Here we grew a deeper sense of humility."

As I began to write stories for my grandchildren, I began to see that opportunities like Back Bay Mission were a pattern of gratefulness for the blessings, opportunities and challenges that come to each of us all to grow into what God intends. The stories, poetry, music, and sermons became a book. Being thankful does lead us to the place where God's amazing gift is born for each of us. It wasn't until I had finished the book that I realized I needed a place to express the gratitude for the amazing opportunities of my life. To complete my thankfulness I am giving all the royalties of *Thanksgiving Leads to Christmas: A Daybook* to Back Bay Mission. Every day from Thanksgiving to Christmas I invite the readers to find their unique story of thankfulness, to clear their hearts for God's amazing action, and find those rays of joy that await the Advent Pilgrims."

Thanksgiving Leads to Christmas: A Daybook and e-book version can be purchased at authorhouse.com also barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com starting October 1. All royalties from the sale of the book will go to Back Bay Mission.

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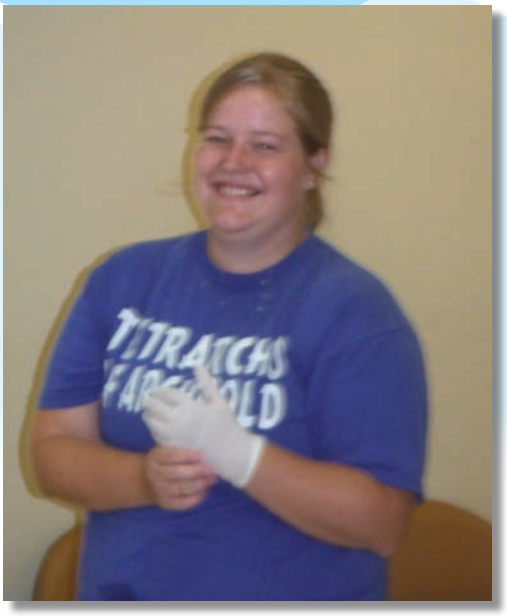
Amy's Summer



When I began the long drive from Ohio down to Mississippi this summer, I thought I knew what I was getting myself into. I had participated in multiple trips south and I thought I knew all about Back Bay Mission. I was wrong.

The Mission has many parts and they serve more people than I thought they were able to serve. I was amazed at how the Mission helps so many different types of people who have diverse backgrounds and land at varied spots on the economic chart. From the homeless to homeowners to homebuyers, Back Bay Mission is always evolving to fit the needs of the people who live on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The work that Back Bay Mission does reminds me of the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats as found in Matthew 25:31-46. This is a well known passage where Jesus is explaining what will happen when the Son of Man comes in his glory and he tells the righteous, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

This list is quite extensive in the different ways that the righteous have served the Son of Man, just as the list of what Back Bay Mission does is extensive. Jesus then tells the righteous when they question at what time they served him, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

I say the same to Back Bay Mission in that they truly have served the least of these brothers and sisters of mine in Christ, and at the same time Back Bay Mission has served me. This summer I was able to see an example of what it truly looks like to serve the least of these. I have learned valuable lessons this summer and grown in ways that I cannot yet put into words.

I pray that anyone who reads this may have an opportunity to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi to see the work of God that is being done at Back Bay Mission. And I pray that Back Bay Mission continues to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our amazing God.

MGM Resorts recently awarded Back Bay Mission a grant of $10,000 to assist the Mission's Emergency Assistance program. Employees from MGM's Beau Rivage Resort Casino in Biloxi visited the Mission to present the award.

Long-term Volunteer Departs

by Derek Eady

Helen Wright arrived at Back Bay Mission almost a year ago and immediately began to immerse herself in the work of the Mission. On her final week at the Mission I spoke with Helen about her work as a long-term volunteer and her overall experience at Back Bay Mission.

Describe your first day working at the Micah Day Center?
My first time in the Day Center was a blur. I was learning the ropes of the position and taking in so much information. I just remember being really busy.

What did you learn about the Day Center guests?
People like to use the terms "down on their luck". No, I do not refer to them like that. Being that the majority of people at the Day Center are between the ages of 30 and 59. The majority are looking for a chance and opportunity. Not just a hand out either but a hand up. You have those who are looking and willing to work but have the age factor that comes to play. Companies and businesses often think these people are too old and do not want to deal with workers' compensation and liability. Some just do not have enough people around them to encourage and assist them. I learned that encouragement is very important.

What was your favorite part about working in the Day Center?
My favorite part of working in the day center was the entirety of all I was doing. Assisting and helping those I came in contact with. Networking with other agencies to bring resources to help assist in the community.

What did you learn about yourself through working at the Day Center?
I learned about how far I would go to help another person. I learned how to thoroughly reach out to another and with care and ease. I learned how to teach and how to pick up on new skill sets that will carry into my life personally and professionally. I'm referring to the entire experience and not just the day center.

Let's say your replacement is reading this interview right now. What would you want them to know about Back Bay Mission and this experience?
Back Bay Mission is a community ministry and a family. Knowing the needs of the homeless and of those in poverty, addressing it and handling it is what the Mission does best. The Mission has been here 91 years and though faces and people have changed the Mission's work has not. You'll leave this place knowing that everyone on this earth is God's creation and we should not be stereotypical or hypocritical. If you come with an open mind and are willing to work you will be fine.

As part of a food drive to help feed families along the coast, military and civilian personnel at Keesler Air Force Base (Biloxi, MS) recently donated 3 tons of food to the Mission.

Representatives from Hancock Bank dropped by the Mission to present a donation of $2,500 to assist the Mission's Housing Recovery program.

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Mr. Steve David Yochum
Ms. Abigail Young

Z

Rev. Fred Zimmerman
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth
& Carol Zwick

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

A

Amherst Community
Church
-Snyder, NY

B

Bath Church UCC
-Akron, OH
Bethany Congregational
-San Antonio, TX
Bethel UCC
-Youth Fellowship
-Elmhurst, IL
Bethlehem UCC
-Youth Fellowship
-Ann Arbor, MI
Big Ridge Baptist Church
-D'Iberville, MS

C

Central Congregational
Church
-Atlanta, GA
Church of the Redeemer
-Westlake, OH
College Hill-Women's Guild
-Bloomville, OH
Columbia Congregational
-Women's Guild
-Columbia, CT
Congregational UCC
-Evansville, WI
Congregational UCC
-Austin, TX

D

David's UCC
-Kettering, OH

F

Faith UCC
-New Braunfels, TX
Faith United Church of
Christ
-Ridgway, PA
Federated Church
-Hyannis, MA
First Church of Christ
-Glastonbury, CT
First Church in Jaffrey
-Jaffrey, NH
First Congregational
-Baraboo, WI

First Congregational Church
-East Hartford, CT
First Congregational Church
-Manchester, VT
First Congregational Church
-Washington, CT
First Congregational Church
-Malone, NY
First Congregational Church
-Plymouth, CT
First Congregational Church
-Hopkinton, NH
First Congregational UCC
-Ravenna, OH
First Congregational UCC
-Houston, TX
First Congregational UCC
-Mason City, IA
First Congregational
-Women's Fellowship
-Concord, NH

G

Good Shepherd UCC
-Metairie, LA
Grace Congregational UCC
-Rutland, VT

I

Immanuel UCC
-Needville, TX
Immanuel UCC
-Kettlersville, OH

L

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 2539
-Gulfport, MS
Lytton UCC-Helping Hand Society
-Delta, OH

N

NCBC Seabee Memorial Chapel
-Gulfport, MS
New England Congregational Church
-Aurora, IL

O

Open Table
-Mobile, AL

P

Peace UCC
-Berrysburg, PA
Pilgrim Church
-Port Charlotte, FL
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
-Houston, TX
Pilgrim Congregational
-Women's Fellowship
-St Petersburg, FL

R

Redeemer UCC
-Marion, TX

S

Salem UCC
-Waukon, IA
Salem UCC
-Doylestown, PA
South Congregational Church
-East Hartford, CT
St John's UCC
-Waverly, IA
St. John UCC
-Rosenberg, TX
St. John's Christian Church
-Archbold, OH
St. John's UCC
-Beecher, IL
St. Paul's UCC
-Middletown, OH
St. Peter's Evangelical Church
-Kewanee, IL
St. Peter's UCC
-Frankfort, IL
Storrs Congregational UCC
-Women's Fellowship
-Storrs, CT
Swiss UCC
-New Glarus, WI

T

Trinity UCC
-Tiffin, OH
Trinity UCC
-New Lebanon, OH

U

UCC
-Keene, NH
United Church of Christ
-Sunday School
-California, MO
United Church
-Rockville Centre, NY
Union Congregational Church
-North Reading, MA
Union Congregational Church
-Tavares, FL

W

Wells River Congregational Church
-Wells River, VT
Weems Chapel United Methodist Women
-Picayune, MS

Z

Zion UCC
-Baltic, OH
Zion UCC
-Women's Fellowship
-Waukon, IA

HONOR GIFTS

B

Mr. & Mrs. Todd & Diann Bailey
In honor of Rev. Jonathan Morgan
Jennifer Baker
In honor of Bob Tyler
Dan & Dawn Balduf
In honor of Shari Prestemon
Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Mary Barnes
In honor of Jerry & Mary Foote
Bright Horizons Foundation for Children
In honor of Matthew Victor Black
Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie & Jeanette Brogdon
In honor of Shari Prestemon

C

Rev. & Mrs. Jack & Nancy Cook
In honor of Shari Prestemon

Rev. Tom Ressler
& Mr. Lorin Cope
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

D

Mrs. Marian Dawson
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Ms. Claire Dugger
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

E

Mr. & Mrs. Clay & Klea Espy
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

F

First Church of Christ
& Ecclesiastical Society
In honor of
Rev. Jonathan Morgan

G

Mr. Milton Grishman
& Mrs. Roberta Avila
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

H

Anne Weller Hansen
In honor of Sam Schroeder
Ms. Lois Harwick
In honor of Nancy Pacht
James & Wyonne Hegland
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

Mr. & Mrs. Robert
& Karen Hehn
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Norma Heinbuch
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

K

Rev. & Mrs. John
& Sharon Kemp
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Joe & Terri Krabill
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Allan & Nancy
Kramer-Moyer
In honor of
Cindy Dannenhower

L

Mr. R.D. Lewis
In honor of Rev. Lois Lewis

M

Rev. & Mrs. Tom
& Betty Mason
In honor of the 50th
anniversary of your
ordination
Marsha Mihalko
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Mr. & Mrs. Allan
& June Mittler
In honor of your
wonderful family

O

O'Fallon United
Church of Christ
In honor of Rev. Jack
& Jay Aregood's 50th
wedding anniversary

P

Ms. Mary Jeanne Phipps
In honor of Reverend
Gail Crouch
Sister Mary Riordan
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Keith Roberts
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf
& Betty-Jeanne
Roggenkamp
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

S

Rev. Alfred Schroeder
& Mrs. Catherine Sprague
In honor of Richard
& Sandy Schroeder
Rev. & Mrs. Jack
& Fanny Seville
In honor of your 55th
Wedding Anniversary
Ms. Sue Smith
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

T

Mr. & Mrs. William
& Edith Temte
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

W

Dwight Wagenius
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
John & Johanna Will
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin
& Norean Woodin
In honor of
Shari Prestemon
Gerry Woodroffe
In honor of
Shari Prestemon

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A

Ms. June Adams
In memory of Ted Adams
Robert Anderson
In memory of
Johnnie Anderson

B

Rev Burton Bagby-Grose
In memory of
Rosalee Parks Bagby
Evelyn Benson
In memory of
Ruth Johanningsmeier
Ms. Bertha Booker
In memory of
Leland Booker
Dale or Sadie Boyer
In memory of
Ruth Johanningsmeier
Mrs. Carol Brueckman
In memory of
Marian McWhirter
Mr. & Mrs. Randall
& Marilyn Buchman
In memory of Roger Perl

C

Cynthia Confer
In memory of
Rugh Johanningsmeier
Koty Cooper
In memory of
Rev. Tom Perl

D

Mrs. Catharine Dunn
In memory of Melissa Dunn Kinder

E

Elaine Eachus
In memory of Donna Goodberlet
Lynn & Mary Ann Ewing
In memory of Mike Blake

F

Barbara Fleshman
In memory of Mary Fleshman Furbee

G

Mrs. Marian Gmeiner
In memory of John B. Gmeiner

H

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin & Carol Haywood
In memory of Jean L Weiler
Kay Veaver Hurley
In memory of Ruth Johanningsmeier

K

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Keller
In memory of Reverend Tom Perl
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Tonja Kelly
In memory of Kristen Leigh Biondi
Mrs. Lynda Knight
In memory of Emily Shepard
Mr. & Mrs. David & June Krause
In memory of Mary Nilsen

L

Mrs. Sylvia Leppin
In memory of Wilton Leppin

M

Mr. Vincent Maggio
In memory of Caroline Maggio
K L Makarski
In memory of Rugh Johanningsmeier
Ms. Claudia Merthan
In memory of Ben Smith
Dr. Marvin & Mary Jo Morgan
In memory of Claudia Pearl Gill Stephens

O

Patricia O'Reilly
In memory of John O'Reilly
Ms. Ellen Ott
In memory of Frank & Esther Rocille
Virginia Owen
In memory of Rugh Johanningsmeier

P

Ms. Marian Plant Petry
In memory of John H. Petry, Jr.

R

Mrs. Berna Reinewald
In memory of Rev Henry L. Reinewald
Mr. James Roberds
In memory of Kay Roberds

S

John, David & Caroline Saxton
In memory of Patricia Saxton
Rev. & Mrs. Todd & Carol Schroedel
In memory of Rev. Carl R. Schroedel
Edward & Rosalie Schuckman
In memory of Ruth Johanningsmeier
Mr. Larry Schuckman
In memory of Ruth Johanningsmeier
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In memory of Edward & Alice Sorant
Ms. Betty Stafford
In memory of Jocelyn Lantz Edwards
Mrs. Janette Streiff
In memory of Kenneth Streiff

T

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tavery
In memory of Ruth Johanningsmeier

W

Bobby & Sharon Winslow
In memory of Ruth Johanningsmeier

CORPORATE GIFTS

B

Biloxi Regional Medical Center

H

Hancock Bank

M

MLM Charitable Foundation

T

The Earl & Sylvia Thompson Charitable Fund

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