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Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the wider church community by faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized.

Vision Statement

Back Bay Mission shall embody with integrity and truth the prophetic mandate of Micah: "…to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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In early March, Chris Marlin-Warfield (Church Relations Associate) and I attended the 75th Anniversary gathering of the Council for Health & Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ. It was a time of celebrating the outstanding witness of so many organizations like Back Bay Mission throughout the nation who strive daily to embody the faith through compassionate acts, diligent service and a prophetic witness for justice.

A distinct privilege for me was to attend that gathering with two other generations of Back Bay Mission leaders. Richard Ellerbrake served at BBM in the tumultuous years of 1958-1962. David and Karlyn Stephens served as Executive and Associate Director respectively from 1972-1999. Each led with vision and courage during times that presented significant challenges to the ministries and even survival of BBM; each refused to be overcome by those challenges, stepping forward with faith and purpose to discern the Spirit's calling in each season of Back Bay Mission's life.

Throughout Back Bay Mission's 91-year history one of its most impressive qualities has been the ability to remain a dynamic and relevant institution amid dramatically changing community realities and human need. We have never been content to just "do what we've always done" because we know that doing so would be a woefully inadequate response to the community we are called to serve today. We have always strived to be innovative while taking care to align with our core mission. That was true after Hurricane Katrina when we positioned ourselves to become an affordable housing developer for the first time; it is true today as we lead the way on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to serve homeless veterans. And it has been true multiple times over the course of 9 decades of service. We never say something can't be done just because we've never done it before.

It is with this same spirit of endless possibility that we approach everything we do and everyone we serve. God is always doing a new thing. Change is infinitely possible. New horizons forever beckon. May it always be so, for the ministry of Back Bay Mission and for all of us who seek to faithfully and dynamically serve.

Grace and peace,

Sharon K Prestemon

Reverend Shari Prestemon

Three generations of Back Bay Mission leaders gathered together at the 75th Anniversary gathering of the Council for Health & Human Service Ministries (United Church of Christ) in Chicago, IL in March. L-R: Karlyn Stephens, David Stephens, Shari Prestemon, Johann Ellerbrake, Richard Ellerbrake.

Is Back Bay Mission in your will?

To let us know of your planned gift or to consider making one, contact Executive Director Shari Prestemon, sprestemon@thebackbaymission.org or 228-432-0301 ext. 303.

Since we last spoke...

Since we last spoke so much has happened here at Back Bay Mission. In November, we partnered with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi to host our annual Homeless and Hunger Meal. Through this partnership and in observance of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, we were able to provide a warm, home-cooked early Thanksgiving Day meal to more than 250 people.

In December, thanks to awesome volunteers, donors, churches, and civic groups, the Mission was able to provide 125 food baskets and close to 60 backpacks containing food items to so many here on the Gulf Coast. Below are pictures from both events.

Homeless and Hunger Meal

Christmas Baskets and Backpacks Giveaway

A Mission Moment

I have been able to support Back Bay Mission in a significant way and earn a higher than average interest rate on an investment through the "Church Builder Bonus" of the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund.

When we support Back Bay Mission we bring Christ's compassion to life. The mission's ministries of providing food, rehabilitating houses, providing resources for living and securing housing for the homeless are living examples of Christ's love. However, sustaining that witness requires a continual renewal of resources.

I am often asked, "Why support Back Bay Mission when there are other needs, some close at home, that are also worthy of our attention?" The answer is as old as the motivation that inspired early missionaries. **If not me, who?**

The love of Christ compels us to become faithful witnesses even beyond our own back yard. This same love inspires formal and informal missionaries in many professions to travel to unfamiliar territories in the name of Christ. By supporting Back Bay, we become part of that long chain of witnesses to the love of Christ.

By making a donation to Back Bay Mission, I am a faithful witness to the love of Christ. I become the bleach that washes the stain of despair from the face of someone who is homeless. I provide the joy in the life of a family who has a rehabilitated home after a disaster. I provide the shower, laundry and computer access to the homeless man looking for a job. I am the resource center for benefits and the food source for temporary relief from hunger. These are all ways of being faithful to Christ's compassion for all people.

There are many ways of joining this faithful endeavor of becoming the body of Christ. For some it is engaging in a work camp. However, traveling miles or taking a week is not practical or possible for all. Some special friends volunteer for an extended period of time because their position in life allows them a significant freedom. But family responsibilities often require constant presence.

Many of us have supported BBM over the years with monthly gifts, annual contributions, or designated gifts. A number of friends are remembering BBM in their will or a gift annuity through the United Church of Christ. Several of us have utilized a relatively new program of The United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund. We have been able to make a 5 year investment and give a gift to Back Bay at the same time.

The Cornerstone Fund's "Church Builder Bonus" provides 1% higher interest rate than their normal 5 year note with at least 10% of the amount you invest going to Back Bay Mission or another ministry of the United Church of Christ. You earn this higher rate of interest on the amount remaining after the gift. While not a secured note, your investment of at least $10,000 is backed by the mortgages from the churches and social ministries that borrow from the fund. The amount of your investment that becomes a gift provides resources for Back Bay Mission. It is a tax deductible contribution in the year you make the investment. This opportunity provides an exceptional return to the donor while supporting the valuable work of Back Bay Mission. What a unique way to be Christ's compassion. More information about the "Church Builder Bonus" can be found at www.cornerstonefund.org.

How will you answer the question, **if not me, who?**

David Yochum
Board of Directors Secretary

We Love Our Volunteers & Guests

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Portia Simmons is Case Manager for the

Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program. The SSVF is funded by Department of Veterans Affairs and is designed to promote housing stability among the low income veteran population.

Ms. Simmons will see clients who come in and apply for assistance. She will determine eligibility and work with clients to stabilize their housing situation.

The Winn-Dixie Foundation generously donated $5,000 to Back Bay Mission in support of the Mission's food pantry. Pictured above is Kenney Washington, Director of Client Services presenting Jill Cartledge, Emergency Assistance Caseworker with the donation.

Diaconal partners from the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland in Germany visited us in March. L-R: Matthias Dargel, CEO of Theodor Fliedner Stiftung; Eva Matschinsky of Kaiserswerther Diakonie; BBM Executive Director Shari Prestemon.

Aéropostale, Inc., a mall-based specialty retailer, and DoSomething.org, the largest U.S. organization for teens and social change, teamed up to deliver nearly 500 pairs of jeans to Back Bay Mission in February. Pictured above are staff members from Biloxi and Gulfport, MS Aéropostale stores along with Kenney Washington, Director of Client Services at Back Bay Mission and Ms. Ethel Curry, a volunteer at Back Bay Mission. L-R: Melissa Middleton, Chelcie Bercegeay, Bria Cohea, Kenney Washginton, Derick Lozada, and Ethel Curry.

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Thanks for your help!

Back Bay Mission's Commitment to Help End Homelessness Among Veterans Continues

by Derek Eady

On any given night, one in seven homeless individuals on America's streets is a U.S. Veteran. The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) estimates that there are over 67,000 homeless veterans across the United States. The historic stereotype of what a homeless veteran looks like has changed as veterans are increasingly younger, female, and/or part of a family.

Back Bay Mission knows all too well that the fight to end homelessness among any demographic is a fight that takes will and resolve. The Mission has been a resilient force in the fight to eradicate homelessness on Mississippi's Gulf Coast for many decades.

For over a decade the Home At Last program has helped homeless disabled veterans find permanent housing. More recently the new Supportive Services for Veterans Families program (SSVF) helps stabilize low-income veterans in danger of losing their homes. Both programs exemplify the creativeness and innovation that Back Bay Mission continues to use to battle homelessness.

The Mission's never ending pursuit to find more efficient and innovative ways to serve clients is once more being exemplified as the Mission commits itself to the completion of HomePort Phase II.

HomePort Phase II is the next installment of our original HomePort project which is a first of its kind in South MS. HomePort is the vision of Mr. Everett Lewis, Associate for Housing Initiatives for Back Bay Mission. HomePort Phase II, just like I is permanent supportive housing targeting homeless disabled veterans. In partnership with the VA, HUD, the Biloxi Housing Authority and local municipalities, Back Bay Mission is hoping to expand the project and create a residence for more veterans.

When I spoke with Mr. Lewis I wanted to find out why this specific project was so appealing to him, what new challenges lay ahead for Phase II and the impact of projects like HomePort both locally and nationwide.

HomePort Phase I is officially complete. Are you still exhaling?

Yes! We're very excited and happy to have it complete. We've got our first tenant in and he is doing well.

Why was the idea of HomePort Phase I so appealing to you?

I was looking at the homeless population in general, but when I see men and women who sacrificed for our nation, who are homeless, it's a sad commentary. When we have any veterans on our streets I'm saddened. I feel like anything that we as a nation can do to alleviate or eradicate this national issue we should do it.

Our great volunteers did the complete interior of HomePort Phase I. How important is volunteer assistance on projects like HomePort?

Our volunteer assistance is extremely important. In terms of HomePort Phase I specifically, our volunteers helped the project come in under budget. Coming in under budget allowed us to do other things that weren't budged, such as buy appliances, furniture and putting up a privacy fence.

What is the targeted start date for HomePort Phase II?

October 1, 2013. If we can do it sooner we will.

Going forward, what do you see as HomePort Phase I's impact on this community?

The immediate impact is getting our nation's veterans off the streets. Long-term is to show that this could be done and done well. I hope this will also be a catalyst for other organizations and not only Back Bay Mission to build similar projects.

*If you are interested in making a special gift to assist the construction of HomePort Phase II, please contact Chris Marlin-Warfield, chris@thebackbaymission.org or Derek Eady, deady@thebackbaymission.org.

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Amherst Community Church
- Snyder, NY

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Bath Church UCC
- Akron, OH
Bethany Congregational
- San Antonio, TX
Bethany Congregational Church UCC
- Quincy, MA
Bethany UCC
- Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Bethel UCC
- Evansville, IN
Bethlehem UCC Womens' Guild
- Maple Lake, MN
Buckland UCC
- Buckland, OH
Buckland UCC Women's Fellowship
- Buckland, OH

C

Center Congregational Church
Missions Committee
- Meriden, CT
Church of Christ Congregational
- Goshen, CT
Church of Christ Union
- Berea, KY
Church of the Isles
- Indian Rocks Beach, FL
Church of the Redeemer
- Westlake, OH
Community UCC
- San Antonio, TX
Community Church
- Wayzata, MN
Community Congregational Church
- Elburn, IL
Congregational Church
- Roxbury, CT
Congregational Church of Park Manor, UCC
- Chicago, IL

Congregational UCC
- *Whitewater, WI*
Congregational UCC
- *St. Charles, IL*
Congregational UCC
- *Austin, TX*
Congregational UCC
- *Grinnell, IA*
Congregational UCC
- *Evansville, WI*
Congregational UCC
Women's Fellowship
- *Amery, WI*
Congregational UCC
Women's Fellowship
- *Cable, WI*
Congregational
Women's Fellowship
- *Westhampton, MA*
Congregational
Women's Fellowship
- *Baudette, MN*
Covington UCC
Women's Fellowship
- *Covington, OH*
Cross Church
- *Seguin, TX*

D

David's UCC
- *Canal Winchester, OH*
David's UCC
- *Kettering, OH*
Dixwell Ave. Congregational UCC
- *New Haven, CT*

E

East Granby
Congregational Church
- *East Granby, CT*
East Side Congregational
Women's Fellowship
- *Binghamton, NY*
Emmanuel UCC
- *Bluffton, OH*
Emmanuel UCC
- *Allentown, PA*
English Congregational UCC
- *Big Rock, IL*

F

Faith UCC
- *Bryan, TX*
Faith UCC
- *New Braunfels, TX*
Faith UCC
- *Brewster, OH*
Faith UCC
Women's Fellowship
- *Altoona, PA*
Faith UCC Women's Guild
- *Indianapolis, IN*
Faith United Church of Christ
- *Ridgway, PA*
Federated Church of Castleton
- *Castleton, VT*
First Church Congregational
- *Fairfield, CT*
First Church of Christ
- *Glastonbury, CT*
First Church of Christ Ladies
Home Missionary Society
- *New Haven, CT*
First Congregational
- *Wadena, MN*
First Congregational Church
- *Western Springs, IL*
First Congregational Church
- *Glen Ellyn, IL*
First Congregational Church
- *La Grange, IL*
First Congregational Church
- *Malone, NY*
First Congregational Church
- *Bradenton, FL*
First Congregational Church
- *Bloomfield, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *Canton Center, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *East Hartford, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *Willimantic, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *Portland, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *Watertown, CT*
First Congregational Church
- *River Falls, WI*
First Congregational Church
- *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*
First Congregational Church
- *Columbus, OH*
First Congregational Church
- *Muskegon, MI*
First Congregational Church
- *Hopkinton, NH*
First Congregational
Church of Westfield
- *Westfield, MA*
First Congregational
Church UCC
Betsy Williams Circle
- *Battle Creek, MI*
First Congregational Church
Plymouth Fellowship
- *Western Springs, IL*
First Congregational Church
Woman's Society
- *Western Springs, IL*
First Congregational Church
Women's Fellowship
- *Stamford, CT*
First Congregational Church
Women's Fellowship
- *Hopkinton, NH*
First Congregational UCC
- *Houston, TX*
First Congregational UCC
- *Appleton, WI*
First Congregational UCC
- *Ravenna, OH*
First Congregational UCC
- *Fort Worth, TX*
First Congregational UCC
- *Twinsburg, OH*
First Congregational UCC
- *Dekalb, IL*
First Congregational UCC
Mayflower Guild
- *Elyria, OH*
First Congregational UCC
Women's Fellowship
- *Ocala, FL*
First Congregational Alpha Club
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First Congregational Women's
Fellowship
- *Waterville, ME*
First Parish Church
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- *Pittsburgh, PA*
First UCC
- *Fremont, OH*
First UCC
- *Galion, OH*
First UCC
- *Green Bay, WI*
First UCC Congregational
- *Milford, CT*
First UCC Millvale Sunday School
- *Pittsburgh, PA*
Friedens UCC
- *Washington, TX*

G

Good Shepherd UCC
- *Metairie, LA*
Greendale Community Church
- *Greendale, WI*

H

Haskins Community Church
- *Haskins, OH*
Huntington Congregational
Women's Fellowship
- *Shelton, CT*

I

Immanuel UCC Women's Guild
- *Spring, TX*
Irondequoit UCC
- *Rochester, NY*

J

Jerusalem UCC
- *Rimersburg, PA*
Jordan UCC
- *Allentown, PA*

L

Little Farms UCC
- *New Orleans, LA*

M

Middleburg Heights
Community Church
- *Middleburg Heights, OH*
Mt Troy UCC
- *Pittsburgh, PA*
Mt Zion Lutheran Church
- *Lucas, OH*
Mt. Zion UCC
- *Wapwallopen, PA*

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Naugatuck Valley Association
- *Oxford, CT*
New Hampshire Conference UCC
- *Pembroke, NH*
North Haven UCC
- *North Haven, CT*
North Stonington Congregational
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O

Oak Creek UCC
- *Kettering, OH*
Olmsted Community Church
- *Olmsted Falls, OH*

P

Payson Park Church
- *Belmont, MA*
Peace UCC
- *Stevens Point, WI*
Peace UCC Women's Fellowship
- *Fredericksburg, IA*
Pilgrim Church
- *Silver Springs, MD*
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- *St Petersburg, FL*
Pilgrim Faith UCC
- *Oak Lawn, IL*
Pilgrim UCC
- *Cincinnati, OH*
Pilgrim UCC
- *Fond Du Lac, WI*
Pleasantville UCC
- *Chalfont, PA*
Plymouth UCC
- *Spring, TX*

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Quincy Point Congregational
- *Quincy, MA*

R

Redeemer UCC
- *Marion, TX*
Rocky Hill Congregational Church
- *Rocky Hill, CT*

Round Grove UCC
- *Lewisville, TX*

S

Salem UCC
- *Lena, IL*

Salem UCC
- *Waukon, IA*

Salem UCC Women's Fellowship
- *Waukon, IA*

Share Kindness
- *St. Louis, MO*

South Congregational Church
- *East Hartford, CT*

Southbury UCC
- *Southbury, CT*

Spring Hill UCC
- *Spring Hill, FL*

St John's UCC
- *Kenton, OH*

St Johns UCC
- *Loganton, PA*

St John's UCC
- *Milan, OH*

St. Andrew UCC
- *Sarasota, FL*

St. John EUCC
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- *Rosenberg, TX*

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- *Robinson, TX*

St. John UCC
- *Genoa, OH*

St. John UCC
- *Defiance, OH*

St. John UCC
- *Otto, TX*

St. John UCC Missionary Sewing
- *Reading, OH*

St. John's Christian Church
- *Archbold, OH*

St. John's Episcopal Church
- *Ocean Springs, MS*

St. John's Evangelical UCC
- *St. Louis, MO*

St. John's UCC
- *Clarence, IA*

St. John's UCC
- *Newark, OH*

St. John's UCC Ladies Aid
- *High Hill, MO*

St. John's UCC Sarah Evening Circle
- *Burton, TX*

St. Luke Union Church Women's Fellowship
- *Bloomington, IL*

St. Mark UCC
- *Chicago Heights, IL*

St. Matthew UCC
- *Wheaton, IL*

St. Paul & St. Luke UCC Women's Guild
- *Alma, WI*

St. Paul Evangelical & Reformed Church
- *Dallas, TX*

St. Paul UCC
- *Wapakoneta, OH*

St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed Church Women's Guild
- *Dallas, TX*

St. Paul's UCC
- *Eureka, SD*

St. Paul's UCC
- *Barrington, IL*

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- *Wheatland, IA*

St. Paul's UCC
- *Oak Harbor, OH*

St. Paul's UCC
- *Middletown, OH*

St. Paul's UCC
- *St. Marys, OH*

St. Paul's UCC
- *Alexandria, KY*

St. Paul's UCC Women's Fellowship
- *Donnellson, IA*

St. Paul's UCC Esther Circle Women's Fellowship
- *Downers Grove, IL*

St. Paul's UCC Women's Guild
- *Attica, NY*

St. Paul's Women Fellowship
- *Warren, MI*

St. Peter UCC
- *Houston, TX*

St. Peter's UCC
- *Lykens, PA*

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- *Centralia, IL*

St. Peter's UCC Senior Youth Fellowship
- *Elmhurst, IL*

St. Peter's UCC Women's Guild
- *Skokie, IL*

Steuben Congregational UCC
- *Willard, OH*

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Trinity Community Church
- *Cincinnati, OH*

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- *Spinnerstown, PA*

Trinity UCC
- *Wooster, OH*

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Trinity UCC Women's Guild
- *Wooster, OH*

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UCC
- *Covington, OH*

UCC Congregational
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UCC Congregational Church
- *Vermilion, OH*

UCC Women's Fellowship
- *Maquoketa, IA*

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Weems Chapel United Methodist Women
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In honor of Lynda Hunt, Sue Maltman, Chardell Russell
Jay M Terbush
In honor of "Your Daughter"
Mr Glenn D Texter
In honor of honor of your 42nd Anniversary of your trip to Back Bay M
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In honor of Robert and Lib Thompson
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In honor of Karen, Emma & CC Holbert
Howard & Betsy Tobak
In honor of Norean & Alvin Woodin

V

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W

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In honor of Dinah & Jeff Dittman, Dr. Jim Waldsmith

& Michlynn Sterling, Kent & Pam Waldsmith
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Margaret Wayne
In honor of Todd Bitter
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Eileen Whildin
In honor of Harold Bachman, Henry & Mildred Breininger
Rev. & Mrs. Richard & Esther Whitney
In honor of your 65th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Christine Wood
In honor of St. Peter's UCC Elmhurst, IL
Mr. Rick Woodring
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In memory of Ted Adams
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In memory of Donald H. Powers

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In memory of Kristen Biondi
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In memory of The Victims of the Sandy Hook Tragedy

C

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In memory of Rev. Harold F. Cooper

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In memory of Ellen B. Deisler
Mr. & Mrs. Harry & LaVerne Dietrick
In memory of Rev. Ed Lincoln l

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In memory of Unknown
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In memory of William Fairchild
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In memory of Michael Germain

F

Nona McDonnell Flagg
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G

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In memory of Vaughn Gehrt
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In memory of Anita Rezash
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In memory of Uncle Paul

H

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In memory of James W. Wilson

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In memory of Janet Kroehler
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In memory of Lawrence & Lucimarian Roberts
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In memory of Bill Stock
John & Sheryl Prestemon
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In memory of Bill Purcell

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In memory of Rev. Henry L. Reinewald
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Gloria Rieder
In memory of Bob Rieder

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In memory of William Fairchild, Albert Johnson, and Jerry Lamey

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In memory of Marsden Tielkemeier
Rev. & Mrs. Robert & Margaret Tucker
In memory of William Fairchild

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In memory of Andrea McClean

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In memory of Lynn Worthman
Sue Ann Wunderlich
In memory of Marcella K. Hendricks

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