In the old television show, “The West Wing,” a congressional candidate, played by Rob Lowe, was complaining to his campaign manager that the only groups he was appearing before in the last few days of the campaign were all traditional democratic groups. (He was running on a democratic ticket.)

The candidate wanted to know why he wasn’t out in front of undecided voters or even republican voters to try to change their minds.

“You have me preaching to the choir,” he complained.

“Of course, I do,” the campaign manager said, “That is how you make them sing.”

There was a time in our world when the stories of the faith were so familiar to us that we could tell them by heart to our children. Now we live in the world where these stories are either ignored or they have been changed to add excitement. Remember the Bible series a few years ago with ninja looking fighters or the strange changes to their by heart to our children. Now we live in the world where these stories are either ignored or

During this month, we will be looking at one of the most famous Old Testament figures, Joseph. Through all of his adventures and misadventures, he learned to trust God and to see the world through God’s eyes. His story can teach us many lessons about how to live our lives today.

Come join us in worship and read Genesis chapters 37-50 in your Bible. You may have some questions that you want to talk about during this time.

This is also a time when new people may have started appearing in the community. Perhaps they moved here over the summer. Maybe they have children who are beginning to attend school for the first time in our county. Now is a great time to invite someone to come to church and worship with us.

As we tell the great stories of the faith, we will again be inspired to hear God’s call in our life.

Shalom,

Pastor Tony
IN LOVING MEMORY

Patty Crowder gave to the Let’s Do Lunch Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Chris & Carolyn Haerr gave to the General Budget in memory of Lenny Winterberger, Ray Eldridge, Earl Robbins, Virginia Hale and Bill Lavender.

Mr. & Mrs. David Woods gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Virginia Hale, Bill Lavender, and Ray Eldridge.

Theresa Slater gave to the General Budget in memory of Ray Eldridge, Lenny Winterberger, Earl Robbins, and Irene Henley.

Betty Ann Huling gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Gary & Tia Gilmore gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger.

Ronald & Lynne Huling gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Ray Eldridge, and Virginia Hale.

Betty and Mary Moody gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Shirley Corbin gave to the United Methodist Women in memory of Clara Neely.

Silas & Linda Booker gave to the Holston Home for Children in memory of Virginia Hale and to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger and Bessie Gamble.

Walter & Terry Hooper gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Becky Madaris, Irene Henley and Ray Eldridge.

Betty and Mary Moody gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Donald & Ernestine Chamberlain gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger.

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Lenny Winterberger.

Joe & Theresa Lisa gave to the Prayer Shawl Ministry in memory of Ray Eldridge, Earl Robbins, and Lenny Winterberger.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Trustees’ Renovation in memory of Earl Robbins and Ray Eldridge.

Those who gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale: Lonnie & Carolyn White, Gary & Mary Drinkard, Kevin & Angie Rose and Jesse & Nina Gibbs.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Ray Eldridge, and Virginia Hale.


Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

The Men’s Sunday School Class gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger, Ray Eldridge, Earl Robbins, Bill Lavender.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Ray Eldridge.

Loyal Cornelious gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Earl Robbins.

Patty Crowder gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Bill Lavender.

Bill & Caren Ruffner gave to the Musical Memorial Fund in memory of Ray Eldridge, Earl Robbins and Lenny Winterberger.

Those who gave to the Bereavement Fund in memory of Virginia Hale: Phillip & Wilma Mitchell, Wayne & Christina Rogers, Mike & Patty Burns, Tracey & Kim Formosa, and Richard & Kay Johnson.

Mary Janice & Brett Meir and Lois Jeannette Warren gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bessie Gamble.

Joyce Drake gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Irene Henley and Bill Lavender.

The Cross Company, Lee & Susan Chaffin, and the Family of Don Gray gave to the Church Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Harry & Jayne Bryan gave to the General Budget in honor of Will Boles’ 16th birthday.

Bill & Caren Ruffner gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Ray Eldridge, Earl Robbins and Lenny Winterberger.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Michelle Littekten Luttrell.

Mary Janice & Brett Meir and Lois Jeannette Warren gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bessie Gamble.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale, Irene Henley, M. P. Hastings, Verdice Duff, and Michelle Littekten Luttrell.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Helen Kincannon gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Harry & Jayne Bryan gave to the General Budget in honor of Jesse & Nina Gibbs.

Chadley Bowman gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

The following gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger:

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Ray Eldridge.

Those who gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Bill Lavender.

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Walt & Linda Morse gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Lenny Winterberger.

Shirley Corbin gave to the United Methodist Women in memory of Clara Neely.

Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Lenny Winterberger.

Walter & Terry Hooper gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Becky Madaris, Irene Henley and Ray Eldridge.

Gerald & Betty Ann Cook gave to the Sanctuary Music Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.


Edward & Linda Gibbs gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Lenny Winterberger.

The Cross Company, Lee & Susan Chaffin, and the Family of Don Gray gave to the Church Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Trustees’ Renovation in memory of Earl Robbins and Ray Eldridge.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Bill Lavender.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Virginia Hale and Ray Eldridge.

Patty Crowder gave to the Trustees’ Renovation Fund in memory of Bill Lavender.

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Walter & Terry Hooper gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ray Eldridge.

Jerry & Rayna Henley gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Earl Robbins, Ray Eldridge, and Virginia Hale.


Gary & Mary Drinkard gave to the Trustees’ Renovation in memory of Earl Robbins and Ray Eldridge.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Bill Lavender.

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Betty and Mary Moody gave to the Music Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

Pat Cook gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.
We are now in our third quarter and it is the time of the year to be thinking about our pledge to missions and the World Thank Offering. Our theme this year is “Feed My Lambs,” which the UMW can do. Our pledge gives aid to women, children, and youth - not only locally - but also world-wide.

This is faith, hope and love in action when you give to the UMW.

Linda Mullins,
UMW Treasurer

The family of Earl Robbins would like to thank everyone for your kinds words, prayers, flowers and donations. Earl will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Thank you,
Mrs. Earl Robbins

Please add your name to the sheet in the hallway if you want to attend this popular bible study on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

DISCIPLE 3
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

Disciple 3: “Remember Who You Are” is a 32 week bible study that will cover the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul. The first class will begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with leader, Walt Morse. Cost of a student manual is $20.00. Manuals will be ordered from Cokesbury. The deadline to submit your order is Friday, August 28th. Call the office at 365-6324 or by email scumc@volstate.net to place your order.

Thank you, Bob Larson, for your donation of a Dirt Devil dust buster. The dust buster will greatly help keep the church cleaner, especially the steps leading up to the second level. Thanks again, Bob!
We truly are blessed with our talented members at SCUMC who have performed special music during the chancel choir’s summer hiatus! Featured below are the soloists who blessed us in July. Richard Stair sang on July 5 and is shown on the other side of this page.

Edward Gibbs’ shared a special, spirit-filled solo on the last Sunday in July (the 26th). Angela Garrison was David’s piano accompanist.

Jeannette Long sang, “Little Is Much When God Is In It,” on Sunday, July 19th. Jeannette’s sister, Eldeena Perry was the piano accompanist.

Mike Jackson gave a brief history of The Star-Spangled Banner to those present at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 5th, 2015. Following Mike’s talk, Connie Roberts, Angela Garrison, and Caren Ruffner sang The Star-Spangled Banner. (see photo on opposite page)

Kaitlyn Couch is seated next to Rachel Heimel as Kaitlyn led the Children’s Sermon on Sunday, July 5. She spoke to the children about the meaning of July 4th and what freedom means. She gave several examples of the opportunities many of us take for granted in our country, such as attending the church of our choice. She also talked about the freedom we have from sin through Jesus Christ and how His death on the cross made it possible. It was a message the children are sure to remember.

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Pastor Tony’s sermon topic for Sunday, July 19th, was “Taking Jesus Seriously.” Examples of taking Jesus seriously below are: Pastor Tony as he delivers God’s message, and as he led the Children’s Sermon; Earl Keahey as he served as an usher to collect tithes and the offering; the congregation as they extend love and greetings to one another; pianist, Angela Garrison and organist, Bryan Massengale as they faithfully play for the morning worship; and those who place flowers in the sanctuary as memorials/honorariums, which give beauty as well as a special meaning to the worship service.
We are very grateful to Vacation Bible School (VBS) director, Angie Rose, for planning and implementing such a wonderful VBS for our children this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make VBS such a special time.

There was a total of 63 kids nightly at VBS during the week of June 22 - June 26. Our hope is that each child was blessed by being a part of our VBS for 2015.

Carmen Melendez-Collado, who is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church was the guest speaker at the July 5th worship service while Pastor Tony was away on vacation. Carmen’s message was “Give Ye Them to Eat,” which is a ministry of the Methodist Church of Mexico in the State of Puebla and serves an impoverished rural area, offering community based and direct health ministries.

Special thanks to Dan & Rita Uhler for hosting Carmen & her husband for the weekend.

Some of the Mexico Medical Mission Team members are shown above with other church members as they welcomed Carmen and her husband.

Connie Roberts, Angela Garrison and Caren Ruffner sang “The Star Spangled Banner” on Sunday, July 5th.

The title of Richard Stair’s solo for July 5th was “Love Is Why.”