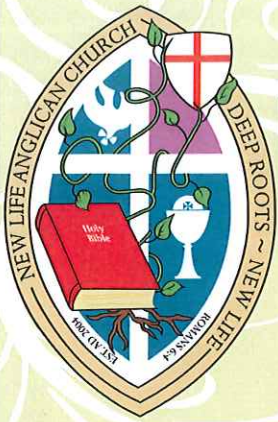


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WALLY'S GALLERY –

This is a very different article than one that I have written previously mainly because of the subject. So let me first address why I am writing on the subject of UFOs!

The secular community will never pass over the opportunity to turn an event or events into the advancement of a godless universe. Regarding this subject they cleverly use half truths leaving the Christian believer wondering... “If there really are UFOs piloted by beings from outer space then that would mean ...(you can fill in the possibilities - Maybe we are not so special; Maybe life did arrive from another planet; If so are they created in the image of God? etc.; etc....?).

Have you wondered about such things?

Some months ago I read a very interesting book entitled “Lights in the Sky & Little Green Men” by Hugh Ross, Kenneth Samples & Mark Clark. Hugh Ross is the founder of Reasons to Believe which is an institute to research and proclaim the factual basis for faith in God and His Word; the Bible. Dr. Ross has a Ph. D. in astronomy. His book came at an opportune time as about a month prior Betty and I watched a 60 Minutes show in which they discussed UFOs and showed some video clips taken by military pilots.

The subtitle of the book is “A Rational Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestrials.” It is comprehensive in addressing the subject; not too long (169 pages plus three appendices and notes) and easily understood by laymen (that’s me). I’ll never do it justice but here are just a few of the topics and summary statements.

First, most UFOs eventually become IFOs (identified flying objects);





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	27	28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	1 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' Lenten Soup & Salad Stations of the Cross 6:00pm	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Luckys	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	8 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' Lenten Soup, Salad & Movie 6:00pm	9 Morning Prayer 8:00am	10	11 Ladies Bible Study 10am
12 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostranders	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's March Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	15 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' Lenten Soup, Salad & Movie 6:00pm	16 Morning Prayer 8:00am	17	18
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about 90% to 95% of the time. Those 5% to 10% of sightings which could not be explained are called residual UFOs or RUFOs. Because these RUFOs lack explanation they are categorized into "two distinct otherworldly hypotheses. One is the extraterrestrial hypothesis which proposes that these are "physical, and empirical realities... piloted by interplanetary space visitors." The other is the interdimensional hypothesis which purports that, like the other, these sightings "exhibit physical and empirical effects... but that they are of another realm of reality beyond the time-space continuum." Consequently they are described as the paranormal or occult view of UFOs. In summary these residual UFOs (RUFOs) are believed to be either travelers from another planet or from another realm beyond our own cosmos.

Dr. Ross then goes into a discussion of the possibility that another planet in the observable universe, other than ours, could support life. After discussing how remote that possibility actually is, he summarizes by saying that the possibility of that occurring would be "less than 1 chance in 10 to the 174th power. How remote is that? To put that number in perspective the number of protons and neurons in the entire universes 10 to the 79th power. That is to say in layman's terms - this little blue sphere on which we live is unique in the cosmos. (If you have ever watched the DVD "The Privileged Planet I'm sure you would agree that our planet Earth truly is unique.)

But what about the possibility of life outside of our observable universe? Could aliens travel from those locations?

Because I have to be brief let me just say that we are talking about distances over a quadrillion miles. Travel over such distances at even a small fraction of the speed of light would require many thousands of years. Additionally, Dr. Ross writes that distant travel at the speeds even remotely near the speed of light engender numerous physical obstacles that are impossible to overcome.

But what about the possibility of wormholes where two ends of spacetime (as in black holes) connect to form a tunnel in time? If this could occur then the distance obstacle would not be an impasse. Unfortunately for those holding to this option, it is all speculation. Even if it were possible Dr. Ross writes, any "physical object would be destroyed by the intense gravitational forces in the vicinity of the wormhole."

Dr. Ross then writes about what we do know regarding RUFOs. He says that Jacques Vallee, a computer scientist and astronomical researcher, studied more than 12,000 UFO reports submitted to the US Air Force and found that nearly 3,000 could not be identified as having a human or natural explanation. Dr. Ross then lists fifteen characteristics that seem common to RUFO's. Here are a few examples: They leave no physical artifacts; They may be seen but not photographed as a clear image; They change shape, size, color at random; They constantly succeed in evasion; They physically injure and even kill human observers apart from any identifiable physical agent; etc.

Earlier in this article I mentioned that an alternative possibility of RUFOs is that they come from a different dimension than ours. Dr. Ross says that the most well-known spokesman for this hypothesis holds to the belief in other universes (the multiverse theory). That individual suggests that UFO's most likely originate from other universes.

While Dr. Ross dismisses the multiverse theory, as did Dr. Stephen Meyer in his book "Return of the God Hypothesis" (see October 2022 Joyous News), Dr. Ross writes that before we dismiss any idea

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of a reality beyond our own we must not forget that as Christians we too believe in a reality not of this cosmos; heaven

That last sentence is packed with meaning and is a clue as to where Dr. Ross is going in his book. It is evident that he doesn't believe in multiverses but he does believe that this cosmos reveals the handiwork of a Creator who transcends HIS creation; that there is something more than what we can perceive with our senses. (Isn't that what we confess each Sunday in the Nicene Creed? "I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.")

It is also evident from what he wrote earlier in the book that he does not believe that the RUFOs (UFOs for which we don't have an answer) are travelers from a distant planet in or outside of our observable universe. So what does he believe about RUFOs?

I will point out a few summary statements from his book each of which Dr. Ross provides supporting information:

(1) "Residual UFOs are both real and nonphysical...(and) they have an intelligence and a strategic purpose behind them." (2) They "favor certain times and locals." (3) They "seem to have always been around." (4) They "match the scientific literacy of their witnesses." (5) They "make repeat visits to certain witnesses and sites." (6) They "visit a select few." (7) They "appear to be alive." (7) They "arouse disturbing emotions." (8) They "cause bodily and psychological harm." (9) They "deceive their human contacts."

With all that Dr. Ross has provided on RUHOs, he then states that "Only one kind of being favors the dead of night and lonely roads. Only one is real but nonphysical, animate, powerful, deceptive, ubiquitous throughout human history, culture, and geography, and bent on wreaking psychological and physical harm. Only one entity selectively approaches those humans involved in cultic, occult, or New Age activities. It seems apparent that residual UFOs, in one or more ways, must be associated with the activities of demons."

Surprised? I should not have been and neither should anyone else. The reason Dr. Ross offers that we haven't been exposed to this explanation for UFOs is that the truth points to the Christian Bible. The secular world would never admit that the most probable explanation is revealed in the pages of Scripture. The Bible has numerous verses on the activities of angels and demons. Not surprisingly, angels always point us toward God while demons attempt to turn us away.

In closing the Bible reminds us that: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12) Against such a battle we have a defense: the full armor of God: (Ephesians 6:10-18) Thanks be to God.

~ Wally's Gallery

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa TerKeurst, will be meeting on Saturdays, March 11th and 25th at 10am. Please contact Lacy if you are interested in attending.

MOPs GROUP MEETING – our MOPs Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from now through April 26th. The next meeting is March 8th. Contact Bonnie Bridge if you are interested in joining them.

LITURGICAL SEASON — by Karen Dielman

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It lasts a total of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending Saturday, Easter Eve, at 6:00 P.M. It is, at this time, our church community is reminded of the pardon and absolution of our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and how we need to renew our repentance and faith. In so doing, we examine ourselves and repent by prayer, fasting, and self denial; by reading and meditating God's holy Word, the Bible. To make right the sins we have committed.

LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE

LENTEN DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – beginning Wednesday, March 8th we will have soup and salad dinner at 6pm after which we will be watching a portion of the movie American Gospel: Christ Crucified followed by a time of discussion. Sign-up sheet for soup is in Blanz Hall.

2023 Vestry of New Life Anglican Church



Susan Davis, April Honeycutt, Dylan Williams; Jr. Warden, Erika Dielman; Sr. Warden, Don Lucky, Carol Bowman, Toni DuBois & Fr. Mike

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – meeting is Thursday, March 23rd hosted by Wes Ostrander at NLAC in Blanz Hall. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.

March 2023 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26	April 2	April 9
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Don L./ Randy F./ Sally Stump	Randy F./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Dan W./ Dylan W./ The Flynns	Dylan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump	Don L./ Randy F./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Dan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Dylan Williams	Erika Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Dan Wandrie	Ferd Dielman	Wally Stansbury
LAY MINISTER	Wally Stansbury	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Howard Bates
PRAYER TEAM	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Luckys	The Davis'	The DuBois'	Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	The Dielmans	Happy Easter



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:00am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

Mar.....Liz Ostrander
AprilKaren Dielman
May.....Karen Dielman



Birthdays

March



Wedding Anniversaries



Mike Bridge 3/3

Karen Dielman 3/25

Ron Davis 3/28



May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

- Altar Guild: Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Altar Flowers: Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Music/Sound: Ferd Dielman 231/347-3532
- Ushers: Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871
- Greeters: Carol Bowman 231/459-4566
- Lectors: Tracey Jepsen 231/347-3448
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Acolytes: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Children's Sunday School: Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
- Youth Sunday School: Don Lucky 231/622-2058
(middle & high school)
- Adult Sunday School: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Nursery: Bonnie Bridge 231/445-1810
- Fellowship/Hospitality: Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Prayer Chain: Ron Davis 231/330-6355
- Women's Ministry: ~ Needed ~
- Men's Ministry: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- InReach: Gretchen Lucky ... 231/622-2057
- OutReach: Lacy Bates231/373-7997
- Christian Ed. Scholarship: Susan Davis..... 231/330-4821
Toni DuBois..... 231/330-8626
- Missions: ~ Needed ~
- Building and Grounds: Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871
Ron Davis 231/330-6355
- Art and Architecture: Susan Davis..... 231/330-4821
- Church Historian: Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Communications: Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)
- Student Visitor's Liaison: ~ Needed ~
- Treasurer: Wes Ostrander 231/330-4930
 - Assistant Treasurer: Susan Davis..... 231/330-4821
 - Assistant Treasurer: Sally Stump 231/881-2818
 - Assistant Treasurer: Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871

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- Sr. Warden. Erika Dielman
- Jr. Warden. Dylan Williams
- Carol Bowman
- Susan Davis
- Toni DuBois
- April Honeycutt
- Don Lucky

Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline

is March 28th.



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Ron Davis at 231.330.6355 or
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report ~February 28, 2023

	January			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	14,444.13	13,562.00	882.13	28,849.64	27,124.00	1,725.64
Other	694.74	1,635.00	(940.26)	915.30	3,270.00	(2,354.70)
Income	15,138.87	15,197.00	(58.13)	29,764.94	30,394.00	(629.06)
General Exp	(14,973.25)	(16,759.00)	1,785.75	(29,994.23)	(33,478.00)	3,483.77
Difference	165.62	(1,562.00)	1,727.62	(229.29)	(3,084.00)	2,854.71
Assets				\$630,860.30		
		Jan. 1,2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Feb. 28,2023
211 Fund		\$130,814.89	-	-	-	\$130,814.89
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$22,546.65	-	270.00	270.00	\$22,276.65

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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4

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*There's a place for Lent
in our hearts,
space for drawing into ourselves,
growing in understanding,
and waiting
for the bursting forth
at Easter.*

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