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Ponderings with Pastor Paul



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Congratulations

Pastor Rebecca

It has been a long, fruitful journey for you and we've been with you all the way.



God bless you in your ministry, now and always.

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BLAST OFF !! It's time to start praying in earnest for "General Conference 2008" that will take place in Dallas - Ft. Worth, Texas, April 23rd – May 2nd. This world-wide gathering of United Methodists takes place once every four years. These lay and clergy delegates (in equal representation) were elected last summer at their respective "Annual Conferences" throughout the world. These are the only people who "officially" determine the "voice" and the "identity" of our denomination. They will gather to prayerfully discuss, consider, and vote on how we, as United Methodists, will respond to various theological and social issues.

authority of SCRIPTURE in our lives as THE substantial "reference point" for truth, and for living day-to-day with a graceful response to our heritage found clearly in Wesleyan Theology. It's nothing radical!! In fact, it's what we were always supposed "to be" and "be doing."

Membership in The Confessing Movement tends to make us "look like" we're conservative and evangelical WITHIN our denomination, but that's exactly who we were "supposed to be" before society started to influence our beliefs over the past 70 years with "higher critical thinking" Here at Covenant we believe that our Christian beliefs should shape our response to society; not the other way around.



As most of you know from going through our Welcome Classes, our local congregation here at Covenant took a definite stand to become part of "The Confessing Movement" WITHIN The United Methodist Church back in 1993. This has determined our "identity" WITHIN our denomination. Simply put, we decided in '93 to make a definite stand for the centrality of Jesus Christ and Him alone in all matters that pertain to salvation, for the

That being said: NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL OF US TO BEGIN FERVENT PRAYER SO THAT ALL OF OUR DELEGATES and OUR BISHOPS SENSE THAT JESUS HAS TO BE "LORD" OF OUR DENOMINATION and THAT SCRIPTURE DETERMINES OUR IDENTITY AND DEFINES OUR DECISIONS. *continued on page 3*

Calling all Covenant Volunteers
 You're invited to the annual
VOLUNTEERS BANQUET
Saturday, February 9
6:00 P.M.

Enjoy food, fun & entertainment

Please call 767-8544 by Feb.4th to make your reservations to attend.

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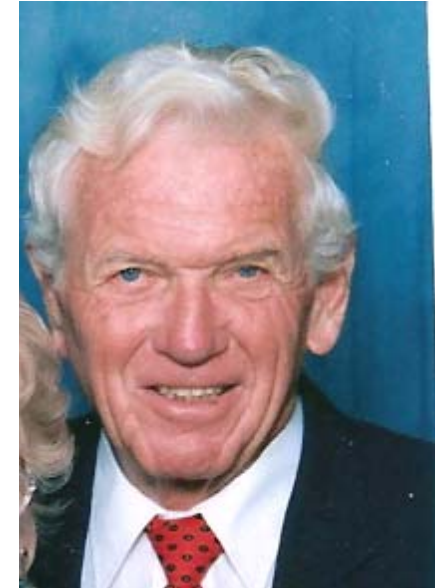
*2007
The Year
In Review*



SPOTLIGHT ON...

**George Holm
Trustee**

By Kitty Maiden



George Holm was born on October 30 in Queens, N. Y. and that is where he and his sister were raised .

When Carolyn came into George's life it wasn't long before they were married. They became man and wife on October 7, 1950 .

George spent 43 years driving for S.B. Thomas Inc., known for their English muffins. When George and Carolyn decided it was time to retire, in 1993, they moved to Port Orange, Florida. Soon after, Covenant became their church home.

At this point in time, George has spent over 13 years as a trustee of CUMC...the longest term of anyone, to date. Having always had flower and vegetable gardens up north, his interests carried over when they moved here. His love of God's abundance of growing things, developed in his earlier years, has been the reason for the added beauty at the exterior of our church. Many people asked, "Who planted the beautiful rose bushes?" Now you know...it was George Holm!.

He often comes over to weed and tend the array of plants and flowers that surround our church He is the trustee responsible for arranging the Spring and Fall cleanup sessions .

During their years together, the Holms have raised six children. Now they are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. These young people became the lights of their lives. Carolyn said, "George loves being with the grandchildren. He's such a good grandfather. And he was always a wonderful father."

George's color preferences could be blue or green. However he's wearing a red tie in this picture...and the roses in our garden are red. He is easy to please where food is concerned and always content with Carolyn's cooking.

For entertainment , you'll find George playing horseshoes each week with about 50 opponents or spending time out on the golf course. He loves the outdoors!

We, at Covenant, are so pleased to have our longest running trustee, George, here with us, quietly taking care of things, with God's blessings, in our outside world.