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## From the Pastor

### A Matter of Life and Life

The garden needs some negative space – dark intervals of soil to interrupt the profusion of green and give some shape to the whole thing. It has been a wet spring, and everything out there has grown wild.

This will involve uprooting perfectly good plants, most of which will not be saved. It is a painful process: you can't save every last plant in a garden. You must make decision about how much the garden can manage and then you must discard the rest. Maybe you can give some of them away, but most of them are going to the compost.

I need not to point out the obvious: everything else in life is like this, too. All choices have two sides. Repeatedly, not just once a season, we must decide to allow something and that always means not allowing something else. And the something else we don't allow is not usually a bad thing. It's just in the wrong place at the wrong time. It's not hard to choose between good and evil. What's hard is choosing between good and good.

But stop and think: that plant you toss in the compost? Its work is not over. It only looks that way to us. The energy that formed it can never be destroyed. Immediately, it sets about the work of changing states. In the interesting and creative process we dismissively call "rotting," it will become food for other plants and animals. Its life

will go on in myriad ways, as long as the earth endures. Because I cannot use something doesn't mean it is lost. Because I cannot do something myself doesn't mean it won't happen in another way. There are lots of good ways for things to happen besides the one I would like to see.

-Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

*Until next month,  
Pastor Larry*



*Please keep in your prayers...*

† Rob & Diane Ross † Mike Rice †  
† the friends & family of Betty Mayer †  
† the friends & family of Emily Toman †  
† the VBS staff & volunteers †



Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, visits, flowers and most of all your prayers. I'm moving slow but steady.  
~Minnie Mae Sayers



Dear Murray Christian Church,  
As this school year comes to an end, once again I would like to thank you so very much for all that you have done for our Head Start children and families. I am always in awe of the generosity and compassion that your church continues to show. So many people have been blessed by you. Thank you for everything.  
~Conestoga Head Start

You are all terrific! Thank you to each one of you for helping CSI with this important mission for kids!  
~Wanda Gottschalk with the Child Saving Institute

We need the following items for VBS: blankets, sheets, big throw pillows, large pieces of fabric, artificial fruit, greenery, flowers, pop-up canopies, square tents, pottery, and wicker baskets.

Any items you want returned should be clearly marked with your name.

**We also need volunteers!**

Call the church office at 402.235.2527 to register your child(ren) and/or to volunteer!



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**PLEASE SIGN UP AS A HOST/HOSTESS and/or GREETER for 2011.**

We need 4 people to sign up as host & hostess each month. They will be responsible for setting up the fellowship dinners on the first Sunday of the month, fixing coffee and drinks and cleaning up the kitchen afterward. We also need 2 greeters each month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the office.



Thank you to everyone for donating, shopping and supporting the garage sale! We were able to raise \$572.57 for the scholarship account!

**MCC Classifieds**

Frigidaire ice chest, top load, 23 cu ft., 35 H x 29 1/2 D x 65 1/4 L. Weighs 227 lbs. \$50, Pick up from Beaver Lake. Call Terry Irby @ 402.235.3653



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Please notify the church office.

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