



PRESBYTERIAN MEN OF THE CHURCH
FIRST, PROVIDENCE AND LOWCOUNTRY CHURCHES

IRON WILL

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

MARCH 2007

Art from the Heart

What's New???

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 @7 AM
The 11th Annual Christian
Heritage Breakfast
Thursday, May 10, 2007
@7:45 AM
The 2007 MOC Man of the Year
Celebration!

Spiritual Treasures - Deep and Grand

Rev. Dr. Jerry Kramer will not only host our next breakfast at Lowcountry Presbyterian Church but he will also be our guest speaker. In May of 2006 Jerry and a good friend from Milwaukee hiked the Grand Canyon "Rim to Rim". While it was a great vacation, it was during the hike that Dr. Kramer discovered that it was one of his better continuing adult educational experiences. His talk and visual presentation will capture some of the awesome beauty and life lessons from this natural wonder of God's world.

Rev. Kramer moved to Hilton Head Island from Milwaukee almost five years ago and became the Interim Senior Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church. In September of 2003, Rev. Kramer became the Designated Pastor of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church, where he now serves as Senior Pastor.

Jerry and his wife, Barbara, live in Rose Hill Plantation and are presently renovating a home in Moss Creek Plantation. They have four grown children living in Michigan and California along with five grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 14. They both are avid readers as Barbara is a retired Elementary School Guidance Councilor. Jerry has a B.A., two Masters and a Doctor of Ministry. He also writes a monthly column for the *Bluffton City Sun* newspaper.

Last month's Valentine's Dinner Party was sweet! Over 60 people attended and enjoyed a gourmet meal and an after dinner speaker all the way from Connecticut, no less. Pink table cloths complete with candles and Valentine centerpieces, decorated the scene, thanks to Ann Crowley and Sharon Bell.

As guests arrived and shared punch, Sharon played love songs on the piano and each lady received a red rose and a program describing the art pieces situated around the room. A professional photographer took everyone's picture and captured the fun for all to keep. Those photographs are available in the respective church offices. The photographer, Jerry Griffin, can make arrangements for additional prints or make enlargements.

Twelve Men of the Church, complete with tuxedos, served as waiters for the dinner which consisted of Caesar salad, stuffed salmon and pork roast with new potatoes and string beans. Strawberry shortcake topped off the delicious meal keeping with the red and white theme. Love was definitely in the air!

The guest speaker, Sandra Bowden, is a gifted artist, painter and printmaker evident by her work displayed throughout the room. Her talk was well received as she was able to effectively convey the Christian inspiration for the art and techniques she creates by hand. Bowden's work is found in collections throughout North America, Europe and Israel including the Vatican Museum of Contemporary Art, Haifa Museum, and the Museum of Biblical Art. She has had over 100 solo exhibitions. In 2005 a 200-page book, *The Art of Sandra Bowden*, was published by Square Halo Books in conjunction with her 40 year retrospective at Gordon College. For information go to www.sandrabowden.com.

Well, we've talked about it and it's here. This is the final hard copy of the MOC Newsletter. You've probably noticed the new color graphics at the top of the page. Well, that's only the beginning. Providing you submitted your email address, as asked for the past six months, you should be receiving your first electronic MOC Newsletter also this month.

Men of the Church communications has joined forces with the Hilton Head Island Computer Club and you're going to like it. Not only will we be able to have color graphics, we can include pictures and share links to other web sites to help make our MOC news better. So take a good long look at this last edition. We're saving the postage from here on out. If you don't also receive the premier electronic newsletter this month via email, send your email address to menofthechurch@gmail.com

We will also be developing our very own MOC web site. This will allow us to post current news and keep everyone up-to-date with scheduled events between newsletters. A few of you, and I know who you are, have volunteered to help get involved with all this new high-tech communications information. You should expect to hear from me in the near future. Plans are for this new electronic newsletter to be published quarterly. The web site will fill the gaps because it will be updated weekly. You'll just log on and know what's up!

So, here we go. After thirty years of Men of the Church and seven years after Y2K, we're embarking on a whole new endeavor. It'll be fun and you'll soon wonder why we didn't do this last year or the year before, you'll see.

This is the first look at what your newsletter will be like in the future. Starting with the April issue of IRON WILL, we will no longer mail out printed copies of the newsletter. It will be delivered only by email. A limited number of printed copies will be available in the church offices, first come - first served.

In addition to the move to email distribution, the Presbyterian Men of the Church will have a Web site on the Internet for up-to-the minute information about your organization. While the Home Page of the Web site is under development, you can still send information and changes of address and/or email to menofthechurch@gmail.com

Please let us know whether you like this new approach. We welcome your suggestions for making it more meaningful to our membership.

Our thanks to the Hilton Head Island Computer Club for assistance in securing and layout of the Web site, as well as conversion of the newsletter to electronic format and email distribution.

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