

## Elmwood Disciple August 2015

### *Summer greetings from Elmwood Christian Church*

The ceiling fans are spinning, making it nice and breezy here in our little corner of Nebraska. We have had lots of fun in worship these past weeks, if you haven't been here, come to explore while you retreat from the heat!

### **We'd love to see you soon!**

**A new Lowery Organ was presented to the church and dedicated in worship. The representative of the Lowery company, Kevin James, attended the service and provided a professional mini concert on the organ. Yes, he rocked the house in praise for God, and a great time was had by all.**

Shirley Schultz invited her piano students to come and play a concert for the congregation. It was amazing what these young students can learn in a year. We ask our youth to join them and play for us also, WOW, they're amazing. Thanks for sharing your talent one and all. The ministry team, teamed up with the fellowship group for July and had a great picnic lunch with strawberry short cake and brownie sundaes! Mmmm!

Pastor E was attending The General Assembly of the Christian Church (D.O.C.) in Columbus, Ohio. The Elders of the church held worship, with the focus on the Nebraska Region, a special offering: Christmas in July: From the looks of the smiles on these folks faces all had a great in mission for the many ministers in the region. The special offering totaled \$154.00. Praise be to God and a big thanks to all who gave to the special offering.



Deacons in their Santa hats left to right Charlie Bogenreif, John Willey, Chuck Backemeyer, and Anne Pope.

**Blessing to you and yours, as summer is coming to a close!**

**In Christ's Love Pastor E**

August 2015 Serving Schedule

Fellowship ~~~Kris, Mikaela, Darlene (September~~Deb, Mary, Carae, Eula)
Communion~~~The Willey Family (September~~The Pope Family)

August 2nd

Greeters: Dean and Judy Douglas
Acolytes: Noah and Ben
Worship Leader: Tom Day
Elders: Judy Douglas & Jim Wolcott
Deacons: Pete, Deb, Carolyn, Kurk

August 9th

Greeter: Dan Crume
Acolytes: Lily & Gus
Worship Leader: Scott Pope
Elders: Kris Shrader & Scott Pope
Deacons: Randy, Dean, Tom, Dan

August 16th

Greeter: The Day Family
Acolytes: Gus & Tucker
Worship Leader: Judy Douglas
Elders: Angie Willey & Jim Wolcott
Deacons: Chuck, John, Anne, Carolyn

August 23rd

Greeter: Pete and Mary Peterson
Acolytes: Marion and Jeffrey
Worship Leader: Jim Wolcott
Elders: Brandon Collins & Scott Pope
Deacons: Tom, Randy Dan, Dean

August 30th

Greeters: Joann Hill
Acolytes: Marion & Lily
Worship Leader: Kris Shrader
Elders: Randy Willey & Brandon Collins
Deacons: Pete, Anne, Carolyn, Kurk

Birthdays 3rd Wes Bogenreif 4th Dean Douglas 6th Alice Richter
13th Kurk Shrader 15th Judy Douglas 29th Matt Burch
Anniversaries 6th Matt and Rebeca Burch 10th Deb and Coleman Lenz
26th Randy and Angie Willey 27th Tom and Jayne Day

Prayer Requests

Prayer Chain When you would like prayers for yourself, family, or friends, please call
Pastor E 402-994-2355 (church) or 712-309-8460 (cell).

We will activate the Prayer Chain and have many hearts joined in prayer.

++In Nursing homes or Assisted Living: Frances Lenz

++Pray for peace for our country's leaders and military. Keegan Von Rentzell & Patrick Johnson

Pastor Earlin Shanno 402-994-2355 (church) 712-309-8460 (cell)

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Bits and Pieces 402-994-5755 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 - 4:00

Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00 Friday 9:00 - 5:00 Closed on Monday

August 2015

- 8/9 Shop at Bits and Pieces 1-4 Elmwood Rescue Squad
8/12 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
8/16 Ice Cream Social 6:30 - 8:00 G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum
8/19 SCHOOL STARTS !!!!!

### Three Became One for One GREAT TIME!

Thank you to all who made this year's VBS a great success! This year's "Animals" theme had a daily lesson that no matter, what's Jesus loves you! If you're different, sad, confused, etc., Jesus loves you throughout everything.

We averaged 42 kids each night with at least a dozen helpers and teachers. Thank you to everyone who donated items and for all the Teachers /Volunteers that took time out from their busy summers. Elmwood Christian, St. Paul UMC, and Murdock Ebenezer UMC worked together like a fine running machine. Next year the Christian Church in Elmwood will be the host. Please be ready to help! Many Blessings to all of YOU!

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### YOUTH GROUP FORMING - ELMWOOD MURROCK

Elmwood-Murdock UMYF is for 7th-12th graders. Welcome new 7th graders! Here is the tentative schedule for 2015-2016. All activities are planned for Sunday afternoons.

- September 20th - Camp Fontenelle's Annual Fall Festival and BBQ - We will enjoy hayrack rides, pumpkins, live entertainment, petting zoo, inflatable bouncer, jumping pillow, tree climbing, zip line rides, worship service, and much more!
  - October 11th - Scary Hayrack Ride and supper at Elmwood.
  - November 15th - Progressive Supper and bringing items for the Elmwood-Murdock Back Pack Program's special Thanksgiving meal.
  - December 13th - Caroling in Murdock.
  - January ? - District Youth Ice Skating at Mahoney.
  - February 21st - Make Your Own Pizza and game night at Elmwood.
  - March 13th - Bowling and Food Court
  - April 10th - Picnic and hobo dinners at Bornemeier's pond.
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### The Buzzard, the Bat, and the Bumblebee

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner because a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem.... just look up!

## Christian Women's Fellowship 5-6-2015

The women's fellowship group met in Lincoln at Parker's for dinner and an informal meeting. Those attending were Brenda Vogt, Joann Hill, Kris Shrader, Carolyn Golden, and Judy Douglas. Invited guests were Eileen Kunz and Sharon Hall.

Following the meal, a brief business meeting was held. The minutes from the April meeting were not read. The treasurer's report gave a balance of \$1475.75 in checking, \$375.45 in savings, \$539.88 in Operation Santa, and \$322.20 in the mission fund.

**Old Business:** The group has been busy with serving 3 funeral dinners. A fourth is planned for May 16. Carolyn had people signed up to bring salads, desserts, and help.

**New Business:** The officers agreed to keep their positions another year.

**Community Report:** May 9-Graduation; May 10-Mother's Day; May 16-17-Kamp Kaleo fundraiser at Bits & Pieces; May 21-last day of school; May 25-Memorial Day.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. The hostess is Carolyn Golden and the program will be organizing lessons for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristyn Shrader, Secretary*

➤ Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you:

1. Jesus Christ
2. The American G. I.

One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.

➤ What is a Veteran?

A "Veteran" – whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "the United States of America", for an amount of "up to, and including his life." That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today who no longer understand that fact.

Attendance and Offering			Thrift Store Report			
				May	June	July
5/31	28	\$ 677.50	Sales	\$ 3149.21	\$ 3307.24	\$ 3204.07
6/7	40	\$ 605.41	Commission	787.30	826.81	801.02
6/14	31	\$ 400.75	Rent	400.00	400.00	400.00
6/21	24	\$ 493.75	Phone	55.06	55.55	54.89
6/28	33	\$ 1762.50	Labor	160.00	128.00	128.00
7/5	36	\$ 671.72	Supplies	21.58	21.58	176.61
7/12	52	\$ 539.25	Trash		75.00	
7/19	32	\$ 920.30	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1075.27</b>	<b>\$1800.30</b>	<b>\$1457.95</b>
7/26	37	\$ 1488.80				

### Bits and Pieces Mission Donations:

**April - Girl Scouts~~ \$100.00**

**May - Kamp Kaleo~~\$350.00 G.A.R. Hall/Museum \$100.**

**June -Pentecost ~~\$100.00 July - ~~ Backpack Program \$185.60**

# Elmwood Christian Church Board Minutes

Date July 8, 2015

Meeting called to order by: Jim Wolcott

Members present: Deb Lenz, Randy Willey, Jim Wolcott, Jayne Day, Tom Day, Pastor Earlin Shanno

Others present: Joann Hill

Pastor Earlin Shanno started our meeting with a prayer.

Previous month's meeting minutes were approved via email.

## Consent agenda

1. Pastor's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Financial Secretary's Report
4. Thrift Store Report
5. Christmas in July - July 19th
6. Sunday service - Music students playing

## Discussion agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Randy and seconded. Motion carried

## Old business:

1. Fellowship Hall Addition - Rick waiting on zoning committee to let him know what the land is zoned.
2. Handicap seating in sanctuary
  - a) Ratigan/Schottler (Beatrice pew manufacturers) \$500 to shorten 2 pews
  - b) Johnny O may be able to help.
  - c) Motion to put on next month's agenda made by Randy and seconded. Motion carried.
3. Color copy printer - Randy presented information about a printer.
  - a) Motion to purchase color printer made by Jayne and seconded. Motion carried.
  - b) Memorial committee to give \$200.00 toward the purchase of a color printer.
4. Laptop - Randy discussed an option. Tom said it would have enough RAM for what we need.
  - a) Randy to purchase laptop.

## New business:

1. Sign-up sheet for Worship Leaders and Greeters
  - a) Jim would like someone else to do this.
  - b) Pastor E. to discuss with Elders.
  - c) Repair of roof - building committee going to seek bids on repairs for roof, then make a decision about it.

## Close

Next Board Meeting: August 12, 2015 @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned: Jim Wolcott

Church Board Secretary: Jayne Day

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## Request from the Regional Office,

*Employment Opportunity beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Regional Office is looking for an administrative Assistant with the following qualifications: highly organized, not ruffled by chaos, works independently, knows how to operate Word, Excel, Power Point & Publisher, has basic bookkeeping knowledge, and is pleasant over the phone. Please contact Rev. Katrina Falan –*

*Interim Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Nebraska –*

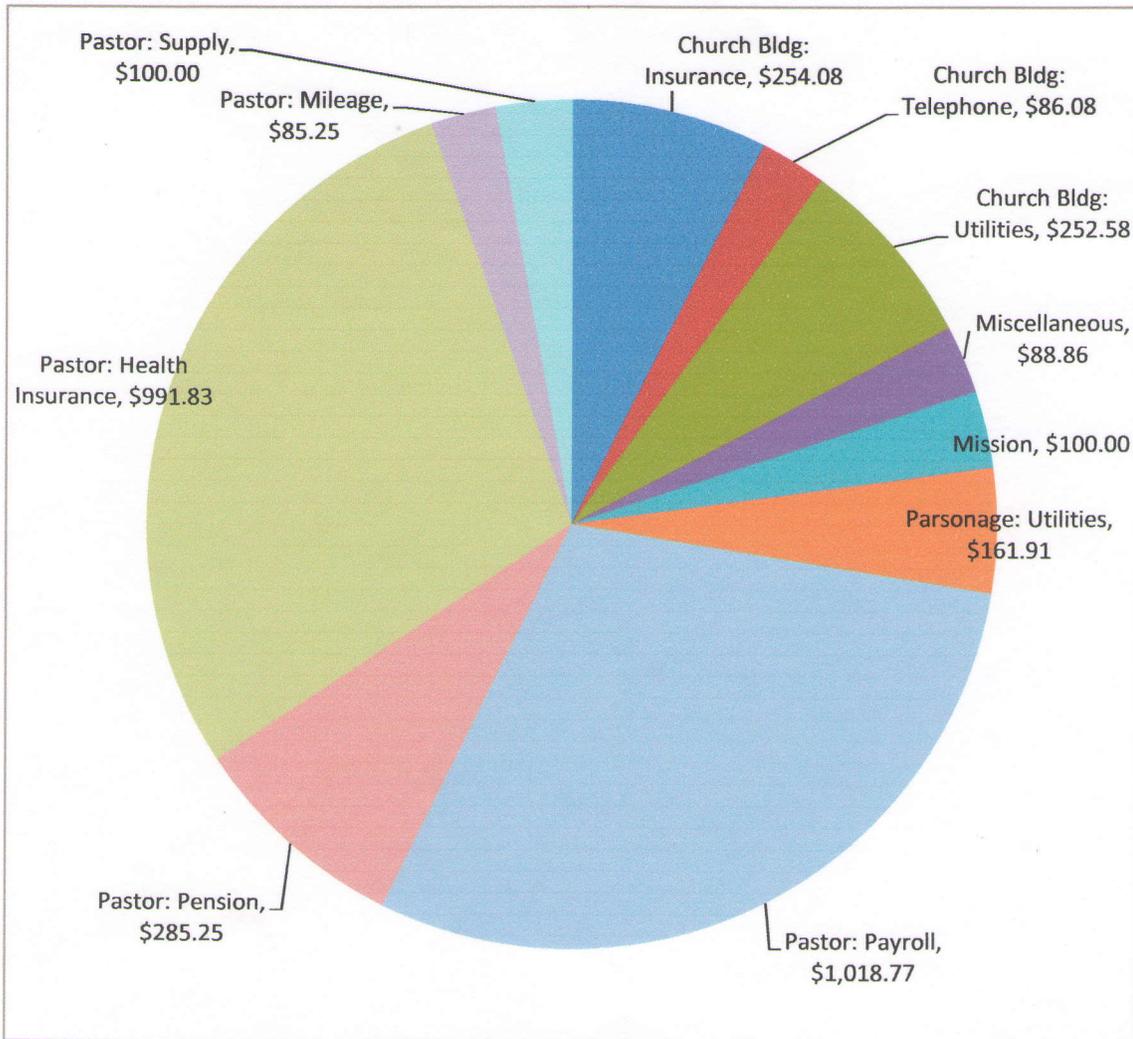
*Cotner College Executive Director 237 S. 70<sup>th</sup> St Suite #221 Lincoln, Ne 68501  
402-476-0359 800-580-8851 316-288-9938 (cell)*

*Love: It's what we're called to do ~Jesus of Nazareth*

- ❖ *Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, but Faith looks up.*
- ❖ *Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly,  
and trust in our Creator who loves us.*

God's 3 answers to your prayers: (1) Yes (2) Not Yet (3) I have something better in mind.

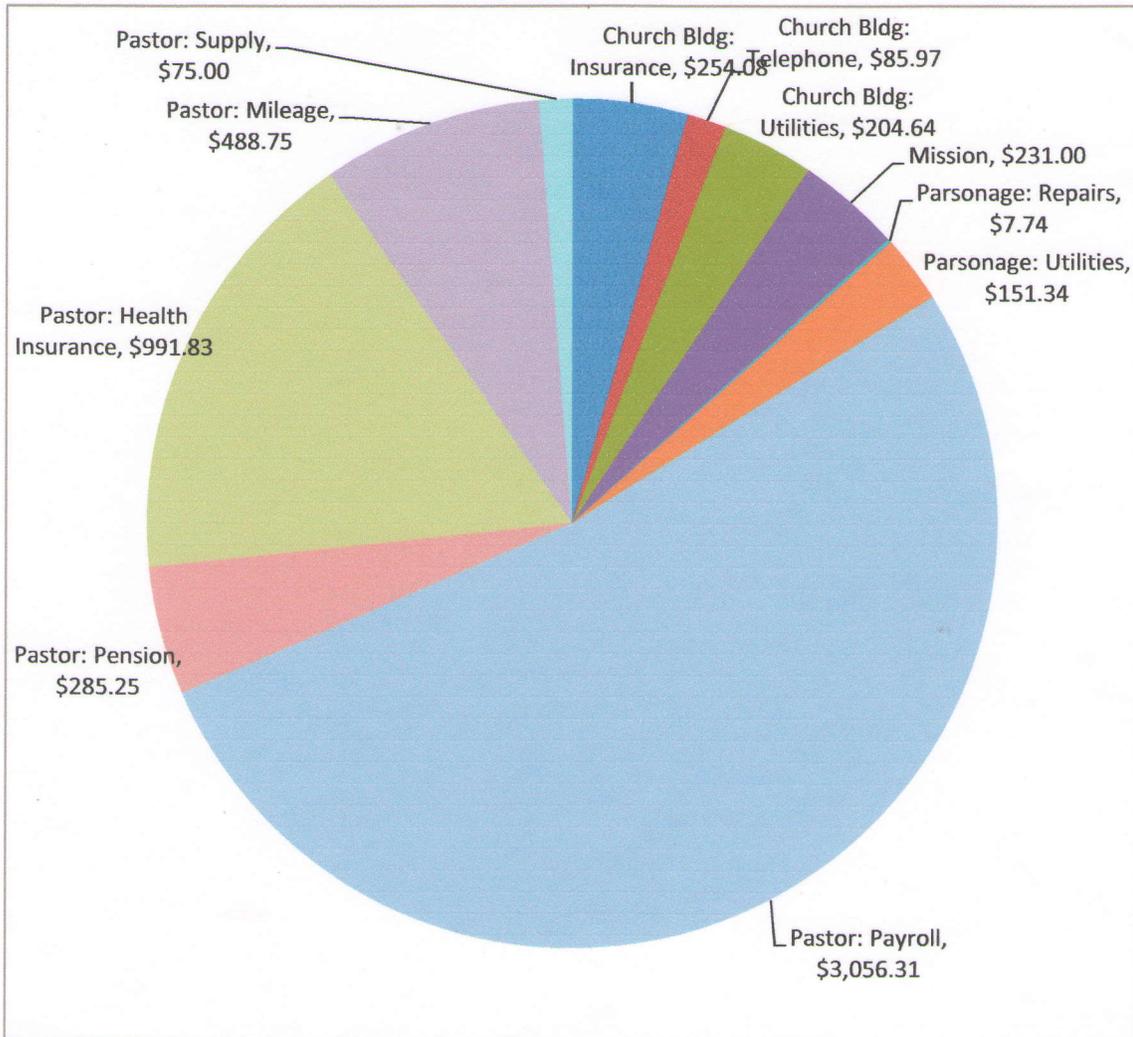
Elmwood Christian Church  
Monthly Expenses  
May 2015



	May 2015	Y-T-D 2015
Total Income	\$ 2,345.99	\$ 15,731.99
Total Expense	\$ 3,424.61	\$ 22,718.82
Shortage	\$ (1,078.62)	\$ (6,986.83)
Thrift Store Transfers		
Regular	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Extra to cover expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00
Building Fund Transfers	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,750.00
Cash Over/(Short)	<u>\$ (878.62)</u>	<u>\$ (3,236.83)</u>

Randy Willey, Treasurer

Elmwood Christian Church  
Monthly Expenses  
June 2015



	June 2015	Y-T-D 2015
Total Income	\$ 3,971.15	\$ 19,703.14
Total Expense	\$ 5,831.91	\$ 28,551.32
Shortage	\$ (1,860.76)	\$ (8,848.18)
Thrift Store Transfers		
Regular	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Extra to cover expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,750.00
Building Fund Transfers	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 6,950.00
Cash Over/(Short)	\$ 1,339.24	\$ (1,898.18)

Randy Willey, Treasurer



## Kids Korner

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Congratulations !!! Sophie has a new sister !!! Hadley Lynn Collins was born on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20  $\frac{1}{2}$  long. Proud parents are Brandon and Mikaela Collins. Grandparents are Kurk and Kris Shrader.

And --- Charlie B. has a new great granddaughter. Eleanor Louise Mayo was also born on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She weighed 6 lb. and was 19" long. Her parents are Adam and Sarah Mayo. Grandparents are Rob and Peggy Clements.

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### "Water from a Rock" (Bible Prayers for Bedtime by Jane Landreth)

*'Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people?" Exodus 17:4*

When someone wants to argue with us, we can pray and ask God what He wants us to do. God's people argued with Moses, and he talked to God about all their arguing and complaining. God had chosen Moses to lead the people to a new land. He had guarded them from the great armies that wanted to destroy them. God had given them food when they were hungry. Now they were in the desert. "Give us water to drink," the people demanded. Why are you always arguing with me?" asked Moses. "Don't you know God will take care of us?" But the people kept shouting. Moses talked to God. "What do You want me to do?" he prayed. God answered Moses and said, "Walk ahead of the people. Take some of the older leaders with you. Take the staff with you. When you come to a big rock, strike the rock with your staff. Water will come out of the rock." So Moses did what God told him to do. When the people came to the rock, there was fresh water for them to drink. Moses was thankful that God heard his prayer and gave the people what they needed.

*Dear God, Tell me what to do when people around me argue and grumble. Help me tell them that You love them and can make them happy. Amen*

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**THE SELFISH HORSE** Once, a trader had a donkey and a horse. Every day, he would load the donkey heavily and go to the city to sell things. One hot day, the donkey started feeling dizzy. He asked the horse to take some of his load but the horse refused saying that it was not his duty to carry loads. Soon the donkey fell down and died due to extreme heat. The trader put all the load on the horse's back and continued his journey. So, it's true that one who does not help his friend in need has to himself face problems in the long run.

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As Grandma was out bicycling with her granddaughter one day, she got a little wistful. "In ten years," she said, "you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now." The granddaughter shrugged. "In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway."

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NAILS IN THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence... The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Please forgive me if I have ever left a 'hole' in your fence.

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PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

I found a penny today - just lying on the ground  
But it's not just a penny - this little coin I've found  
"Found" pennies come from Heaven - that's what my Grandpa told me.  
He said angels toss them down - Oh, how I loved that story!  
He said when an angel misses you - they toss a penny down  
Sometimes just to cheer you up - make a smile out of your frown  
So don't pass by that penny - when you're feeling blue  
It may be a penny from heaven - that an angel tossed to you.

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**God's Problem Now! His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."**

## **Lisa Beamer on Good Morning America**

**If you remember, she's the wife of Todd Beamer who said 'Let's Roll!' and helped take down the plane over Pennsylvania that was heading for Washington, DC back on 9/11. She said it's the little things that she misses most about Todd, such as hearing the garage door open as he came home, and her children running to meet him.**

**Lisa recalled this story: "I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things a side on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day. Her eyes, beginning to water, she went on, 'So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.**

**The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook. Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.**

**"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,  
but by the moments that take our breath away."**

**God Bless you every day of your life. The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.... In the hands of God.**