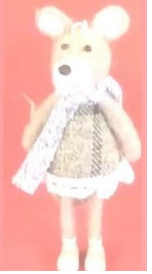




The Peoples Weekly Mini Mouse



Manse Cat Weekly: Musings from Pastor Leia / her cat

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This week's newsletter article was written by a colleague in ministry, Pastor Debbie Sperry of Moscow First United Methodist Church in Moscow, Idaho and shared with permission.

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Grace sometimes feels like an enigmatic term. What do we mean when we talk about grace?

Grace is profound—an unmerited gift from God. But it can also take the shape of ordinary every day type things. Below is a story from when I first started serving Wesley UMC in Riverside California.

One distinct memory of grace came at my second church assignment. I was new and an older woman brought me homemade jam and dried figs as a gift. It struck me because I'd barely arrived at the church. I hadn't really preached yet (maybe once?). I hadn't visited her. I hadn't taught any classes. Functionally, to make any kind of difference in her life, I hadn't done anything. And yet, here was this gift. It looked, and smelled and tasted like jam and dried figs. And yet it was so much more. It was a gift of grace. Free. Unmerited. Just a gift with no strings attached.

The other amazing part was that she wasn't just "older". She was old. She was nearly 90. And yet she spent hours in her kitchen cutting fruit for either the dehydrator or the canning pot. I was 27. It certainly seemed like I should be the one doing the work in the kitchen, but she could and she did and she had a very generous heart and she shared. Sometimes it can be tempting to think

that grace is something only God offers. But really, grace is an everyday gift. It's unmerited with no strings attached and it's something each of us can do.

It could be jam, or dehydrated fruit, or some cookies, or a needed hug, or taking the time to listen to how someone is really doing.

Grace takes many forms. It comes in all shapes and sizes and we'd love to hear from you about a moment or gift of grace. Would you consider sharing a story?

Leia



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### Special points of interest:

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  - Betty's Rose's Birthday
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**Milan Seniors for Healthy Living (MSHL)** has not only been able to continue some essential services during the Covid pandemic, a few have been expanded. Transportation and Meals on Wheels have been expanded and curbside pick-up for meals was established. This month some on-site programs are being resumed with limited capacity.

If you have a collection of cans and bottles waiting to be returned, they can be donated to MSHL and the proceeds will be used to help support programs and services.

The main door of the Center is open now so you can leave cans and bottles in the vestibule (not outside). No contact with staff is needed but if you need help unloading, call the office when you pull up and ask someone to come out to take them (508-6229).

Once you have considered your annual pledge for our church, please consider making a 2020 tax deductible donation to the Milan Seniors For Healthy Living to help maintain services provided to our senior community.

Wear a mask, wash your hands and get your flu shot please!

Diane London



**News from the national church:** <https://www.pcusa.org/news/>

**\*\*\*Please Be Advised\*\*\*:**

Last week, Session voted to continue online worship through the month of November 2020 as COVID-19 remains a concern. Thank you for your continuing faith and dedication to Peoples.



## Family Fold



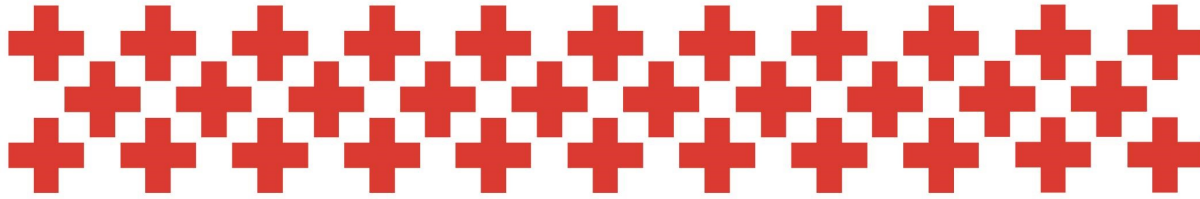
During our time apart, it's good to reflect on memories of all the great moments Peoples' members and friends have had over the years. Diane London provided us with this beautiful picture (above), from 2008, of (from left to right) Ken London, Joan & Jim Cullip, Dorothy John, Jack Cranson, Betty Rose, Ann Jones, Gert Flint, Alice Allstetter, and Barb Sinclair.



Thank you to everyone who came out to Betty Rose's birthday "drive and wave" greeting! Here are some wonderful pictures of the event courtesy of Bob Elliott.



# Give blood. Help save lives.



In May, I reached out to the American Red Cross in order to offer our building as a potential host location for a Blood Drive. After reaching out to the congregation and to the community beyond for a month, it seemed that many folks were hesitant or distracted as it was yet early in the stages of the COVID surges. I decided to wait for a time before reaching out to you all again.

I have been in contact with Michigan's booking representative, Christina Warbington. She has briefed me on all of the precautions being implemented around donations during the pandemic, and I assure you that ARC is well-prepared and will not let us conduct any of this unless they have deemed it completely safe. Ms. Warbington was so thrilled to hear of our interest as there is an urgent need for donations currently. **So, here is where you can help. As I mentioned, our first step to becoming a Blood Drive host is to procure 30 names of people who can commit to donating.** I am including, at the end of this newsletter, the ARC interest sign-up sheet as well as the Blood Donation Fact sheet for any and all of you to use freely. You may also call and leave me a voicemail at the office number provided on the last page of this newsletter, or since I am often working from home, **please feel free to call my cell as well: (616)-490-1799.**

Lastly, while we are hoping for a good response in potential donors, we also want to ensure that the health and safety of our community are TOP priority. **Many of you have already reached out to inform me of health or other reasons you cannot donate, and that is fine. We are not asking you to do anything you can't do. If you still want to help but can't donate, please feel free to disseminate this information and the sign-up sheet to any and all in the community who you think would be capable and interested. Even if you are in good health to your knowledge, PLEASE review the links below thoroughly regarding donor criteria and eligibility before signing up:**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/types-of-blood-donations/whole-blood-donation.html>

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html#eligibility>

—Alayna Plews, Administrative Assistant

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### **Worship:**

Streamed Weekly on Facebook Live

at 10:00 am every Sunday

### **Prayer Service:**

Streamed Live each Wednesday on Facebook

Live at 8:00 pm



# TOP 10 reasons Give to Blood



**American Red Cross**

**You will get juice and cookies.**

**It's easy and convenient.** It only takes about an hour to give whole blood, and you can make your donation at an American Red Cross blood donation center or one of many blood drives held at businesses, community centers, schools or places of worship.

**You will weigh less.** One pint less than when you came in!

**It's something you can spare.** Most people have blood to spare, yet there is still not enough to go around.

**No one can ask you to do heavy lifting.** As long as you wear your bandage, you're on reprieve. Wear it as long as you like. It's a badge of honor!

**You will walk a little taller afterward.** Most people feel good about themselves knowing they've just helped save someone's life. You will too!

**You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when it's needed.** Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do. One whole blood donation can yield up to three blood products: red cells, platelets and plasma.

**You will give a gift that costs nothing, but last a lifetime.** Blood is something money can't buy. It's only something that one person can give to another.

**You will be someone's hero.** You may give a newborn, a child, a mother or father, a brother or a sister another chance at life. In fact, you can help save up to three lives with just one donation!

**It's the right thing to do!**



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Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. STAN.info015 | v2 2010/01\_v3 2011/01\_v3 2012/01 © 2012 The American National Red Cross | 02/11AP0124

# Would you help save up to three lives?



**American  
Red Cross**

Our organization would like to sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive at our location, but we need to make sure we have enough people to donate blood before we can commit. We support and encourage you to take time to give blood; a simple way to make a difference in someone's life. Your one blood donation can help save up to three lives.

**Please sign up below if you are interested in participating in our Red Cross blood drive.**

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Contact Name: Contact name Proposed blood drive date: MM/DD/YY

**Download the Blood Donor App | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Save time with RapidPass**

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