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Rain

As I write this short message, it is raining and it's raining lots. And if the weather report is correct, there is a good chance of rain for the next seven days. Rain is essential for all living things and we can almost see our garden plants growing.

God promised rain to the Children of Israel, both the early and latter rain, based on their faithfulness to God's commands.

Deuteronomy 11:13, 14 (NKJV) 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

Later prophets, Joel and Zechariah, saw this promise of early and latter rain, not only literally, but also as symbols of the work of the Holy Spirit in the latter days. Peter was clear that the work of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. But Ellen White assures us that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the form of the latter rain will be even greater. It is our privilege to be praying for this special Gift each day, believing God will answer and do for His Church what the Church cannot do by itself.

Recently, I came across a disturbing and convicting statement in my reading in Testimonies for the Church, vol. 1, p. 383.

"The reason why there is so little of the Spirit of God manifested is that ministers learn to do without it."

Could this be true, not only of ministers, but of everyone of us? Let's commit ourselves to a daily seeking of the of the Holy Spirit into our lives and ministry. It's beginning to rain. Let it pour!

—*Barry Mahorney*, President

Join us as we pray for the needs of our Carolina Conference

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The CRANberry Vine by email,
receive it in color. Do you?

EVENTS COM- ING UP—

**Wed, June 13,
Picnic at Mills
River Park (in
town of Mills
River). See de-
tails on page 4.**

**September 17-
20, Annual Re-
treat at Nosoca
Pines Ranch.
APPLICATION is
enclosed.**



YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE

This is your newsletter for you to enjoy reading and being a part of.

Whenever you come across something that is particularly inspirational to you, humorous or interesting, please think of your **CRANberry Vine** newsletter. This might be a short story, poem or just a one-liner. Share it. If you liked it, the rest of us would probably like it also.

Your contributions can be sent to the editor by email or snail mail— whichever is most convenient for you. These will be inserted as appropriate and we have room.

WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

Carolina-Adventist-retirees.com is a wonderful place to visit for many reasons. This is our official CRAN website that our communications director, Ron Quick, has put together and continues to add information.

There are many valuable resources found here for us as retirees. One such is a video found on the front page about current phone scams. You must watch this!

Our membership application is available here, and the retreat application will also be available after camp meeting. These are here for your convenience and also for you to tell your friends.

Ron Quick is also anxious to interview you for a story about you and your interests or outreach. Please contact him if you have a story to tell!

Sergeant Vernon W. Entrekin was flying in a C-47 transport thousands of feet above the Midwestern countryside. He was one of six aboard. Suddenly the pilot lost control of the plane over Dwight, Nebraska, and orders were given to abandon it. Equipped with parachutes, the men were prepared for emergency bailout.

Tragically, Sergeant Entrekin had not securely fastened his parachute. He jumped from the plane in the midst of a swirling snowstorm, pulled the ripcord, and waited for his chute to open. It did, but Entrekin found himself dangling precariously from it by his left foot. If it slipped out, Entrekin would go zooming to the ground and certain death. —continued on p 3

WHAT A MEAL IT WAS AT HENDERSONVILLE CHURCH!!

The tables were overflowing with food as dish after dish of delicious, beautiful food was brought in for our fellowship meal together in March. In fact, an extra table was added to put all the lovely salads on.

Linda Miller, along with Ben and Carol Ringer, enthusiastically shared pictures, experiences and



souvenir items from their recent Maranatha trip to Africa. And, oh, the sweet faces of those dear children!





CRANBERRIES — so good for you!

BRAISED CHARD WITH DRIED CRANBERRIES

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| 1 tablespoon McKay’s Chicken-style seasoning mixed in 1 cup water | 2 large bunches red Swiss chard, stems cut into 1” pieces, leaves cut into 2” pieces; Keep stems and leaves separate |
| 1/2 cup dried cranberries | 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 large red onion, sliced | |

Warm the chicken-style seasoning and water together in a small saucepan to make a broth. Remove from the heat and add the dried cranberries; set aside to plump.

Meanwhile, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the red onion and chard stems and cook, stirring until the stems are just tender, 10-12 minutes. Add the nutmeg and 1 teaspoon salt. Add the “chicken broth” and dried cranberries. Add the chard leaves, pressing them down to fit, if needed. Cover and simmer until the leaves just start to wilt, 1-2 minutes. Uncover and increase the heat to medium high.

Transfer the chard mixture to a serving bowl with tongs, leaving the liquid in the pot. Stir the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil into the liquid and increase the heat to high. Bring to a boil and cook until the liquid is syrupy, about 2 minutes. Pour over the chard. Serves 6-8

—contributed by Sharryn Mahorney

Do you have a favorite dairy-free recipe with cranberries? Please share it with Sharryn for an upcoming newsletter. elderbarry7@yahoo.com

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In this precarious situation, with life and death in the balance, a parade of thoughts rushed through the hapless sergeant’s mind. He found himself saying, “The Lord upholdeth all that fall,” from Psalm 145.

Above him, the parachute continued to brake his descent. It was a weird sensation—out there in space, snow falling around him, in danger of slipping out of his one hope of safety. Almost unconsciously he asked for help to climb back into the parachute harness. Summoning all his strength, he doubled his body and caught hold of the harness above his foot. Then with nerve-racking slowness he climbed back to a sitting position while dropping through the air.

Moments later Entekin landed with a jolt and unbuckled his parachute harness. Simply, eloquently, he said, “Thank You, Lord.”—By Gordon Dalrymple, *Signs of the Times*, November 1962.

Picnic at Mills River Park, Wednesday, June 13

Our summer picnic will be at the Mills River Park in Mills River. The address is 124 Town Center Drive. There are trails for hiking or take a gentle stroll along the creek. Bocce will also be available. If you would like to bring a game, bring it.

Bring your favorite dish of picnic food. Drink will be provided, along with the paper ware. We have a shelter reserved, but bring along your lawn chairs for your comfort and fellowship.

The picnic will be Wednesday, June 13, with dinner at 1:00. Have your food there by 12:30 pm. Surely hope to see you there!

Retreat Highlights Coming

September is coming soon and so is our next Retreat at lovely Nosoca Pines. We are privileged to have Elder Don Livesay, retired president of the Lake Union and the inspiring 2017 camp meeting speaker. Also, Elder Haskell Williams, ministerial director of our Conference, will be challenging us with his thoughts.

Grief Recovery will again be available with Michael Lombardo. This workshop has proven helpful to many!

Corn hole is a great favorite, but with a new twist this year! There will be a tournament organized—so get ready to show your skills!

Wednesday evening's variety show is a fun time. What are you planning to do this year for it? We need many volunteers. You can register for this on the enclosed retreat application. Of course, there will be the banquet, too, preceding the variety show. What a delightful meal this always is.

Your faith stories will again be featured, too, so let Barry Mahorney know you are willing to share a time when God showed up for you in a significant way!

Looking forward to sharing September 17-20 with you at the retreat and we focus on "The Abundant full-filled Life!"

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Sharryn Mahorney, editor



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