



WOMEN'S REFUGE OF VERO BEACH

Psalm 46:10 God is our refuge and strength

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Welcoming God's works

I love word puzzles – Scrabble, Jumble, Word Searches and Crossword puzzles. While I am not a wordsmith, I enjoy playing around with homonyms – words pronounced or spelled the same but have different meanings. Seeing if homonyms can be used together somehow is tricky but fun.

There is a set of homonyms I have found in the Bible. These words describe some of God's works - reign, rein, rain.

God, as Creator, reigns over His creation, His kingdom. As the perfect King, He "rules in such a way as to seek the good of those over whom He reigns." What does this mean for us today when we literally see our world falling apart? It means we can rest in our heartfelt understanding that our God reigns. Nothing escapes His notice and nothing is out of His control.

God, as our Heavenly Father, reins us in when we need discipline sometimes with a gentle nudge and at other times with an uncomfortably hard jerk. Hebrews 12:10 reads, "But God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness." There was a mother who needed her son to sit down but he wouldn't obey. Finally he did sit down but told

his mother, "I'm sitting down on the outside, but I'm standing up on the inside. God reins us in to reveal to us when we willfully are "standing up on the inside," and to give us opportunity to yield to Him.

God, our gracious and generous Lord, rains His blessings upon us. From Ezekiel 34:26, "I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing." The Israelites were known for their forgetfulness of God's blessings towards them and they became ungrateful. When we intentionally remember the many specific ways God has blessed us, we reap thankful hearts.

By resting in, remembering and delighting in who God is, we celebrate and worship God. That is why we were created for Isaiah 43:21 reads, "I have made these people for Myself, that they may proclaim My praise.

God Bless,
Bobbi Smick
Board of Directors



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Prayer from our Founder Donna Lee Robart

Dear Lord,

Thank you for allowing me to submit a prayer for each monthly newsletter. Not only can I honor You, but it "stokes up" the fire in my soul being a part of this incredibly unique ministry.

I am sharing this month from the 139th Psalm. It is like a bonfire to me because it is my testimony of life's beginning. "You made all the delicate,

inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous- how well I know it. You watched me as I was being woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I cannot

even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me!"

Thank You, God, for making me, saving me, and using me in Your kingdom here on earth. You are not only the One True God, Creator of this universe, but You are my Father.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Brian Bogart doing demolition work and prepping porch for project day.



Sherry Rebman, Diane Ludwig, Ashley Rebman, Leslie Swan and Pat Marine.



Pastor Jeremy Rebman, Team leader Bill Marine, and Exec. Director Diane Ludwig.

Operation Love Your Neighbor

First Methodist Church Operation Love Your Neighbor members were sharing the love of Jesus just in time for Valentine's Day! As part of their annual community service projects, the volunteers came out to help refurbish our porch. A big shout out to committed volunteer Brian Bogart

for doing the prep work and leading the efforts. Thank you to our local Home Depot, First Methodist Church, and OLYN team leader Mr. Bill Marine for funding the project and volunteering to do the work. We appreciate you more than you know.



Families loved our kissing booth.



Participants at the start line.



Committee member LeeAnn Kelso dancing to the music at the breakfast table.



Team Lift Fitness received the most participants and fastest team awards.

Love 5k Run/Walk

We were feeling the love from our community and supporters during our annual Love 5K. Special acknowledgements go out to our sponsors and participants. "Everybody was a winner today! We were blessed by our partnering sponsors

and the terrific turnout of the community. Everyone involved had a great time supporting a very worthy ministry. Thank you to each one who came out to make a difference in the lives of many!" shared Executive Director Diane Ludwig.



Anger Management

A six-week study where you will learn how to deal with anger wisely when you enter its "world" in your heart and

mind. March 4 to April 8: Fridays, 3-5 PM. Cost is \$30 plus the cost of the book. Call (772) 770-4424 to sign up.

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Counselor's Graduating Class 2021

The Women's Refuge recently hosted a one-year Biblical counseling training class, where four students met weekly at our campus receiving coaching from our founder Donna Lee Robart. Congratulations to Carol Lopez, Mary Streff, Tara Wright and April Muller for successfully completing the course.

Here's what one counselor said, "When I was given the opportunity to be part of the counselor's training class, I was honored. I knew God had a purpose for me even after all the trials I have experienced. The training we received was rewarding and life-changing and now I have been equipped to encourage other women who might be going through a

difficult journey. Today I'm reminded we all have been giving a great responsibility to share the hope that lives within us. I'm so grateful for the Women's Refuge counselor's training program and I look forward to God using me in His ministry." Carol

If you're interested in participating in our annual counselor's training, please contact our office to register and find out more.



Carol Lopez, Mary Streff, Donna Lee Robart, Tara Wright and April Muller