

~Staying Connected~

...A Newsletter From the Desk of Pastor Steve-Orono UMC....

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~Consider This~

Had someone pass along some interesting "critter facts" I thought I would pass along to you. Here goes...

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6' by 8' and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason for this is the fact that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10-12'. 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 which flies around at night, which is a remarkably 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 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 some ways, we can be like the buzzard, bat and the bumblebee. We all struggle from time to time with problems and frustrations, much of the time not realizing that what we need to do is to look up! Disappointment looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up. Granted, this may seem a bit simplistic, but is an important reminder that often when we find ourselves at a low point, the most effective action we can take is to *look up*; that is-to reach out in faith toward the love, peace and hope which are always available to us from our loving and caring God.

~Sharing Scripture~

"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You."

(Psalm 39:7)

