



Good News From Gobin

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We live so that all people will know they are loved by God.

NO ORANGES, PLEASE !!! for November 2011



For what are you thankful?

Psychologists are telling us that happiness is ultimately a choice we make. How do we choose to respond to the events, opportunities, and challenges that come our way? I'm not asking what you do in order to rise to the occasion. I'm not asking whether you succeed or fail. I'm asking how you approach the situation(s) before you. What is your attitude?

Recently I've started a practice out of spiritual formation. Before each meal I find at least one thing for which I'm thankful. I include my thankfulness in the prayer I say and then I get to eat. This practice sounds easier than it really is! There have been meals that turned cold before I was finally able to find an item to uplift. In the past it has been much easier for me to complain. That's a habit I'm now choosing to change. I invite you to try this practice during the month of November.

Recently I've also

developed a daily Thanks List. Here is how it works. Before I go to bed it is my responsibility to write down ten reasons why I am thankful. These can be in response to people, situations, events, or even the hours of a peaceful day. I recite this list of ten while I'm saying my evening prayers. I also post the list on the bathroom mirror so that it reminds me tomorrow that yesterday was filled with thankful moments. It is always best that I work on my list of ten throughout the day; otherwise, I might be up an hour or two in development of my list. I invite you to try this as well during the month of November.

Here are ten of my thankful reasons from a composite of recent lists:

I'm thankful for the heat that warms the parsonage;

I'm thankful for the waitress at lunch who gifted me with a dessert;

I'm thankful for a grateful parishioner who thanked me for my prayer;

I'm thankful for the idiot who nearly hit my ve-

hicle in front of Wal-Mart and that he missed (okay, this one is barely a thankful moment ...);

I'm thankful for a church secretary whom I can trust;

I'm thankful for the beautiful sunset that enriched my evening;

I'm thankful for the phone call from California and a friend who reconnected with me after a few years;

I'm thankful for the French Roast coffee at the Hub and for the grog at The Blue Door;

I'm thankful for the surgeon whose handiwork I see each time in the mirror;

I'm thankful for the parishioners who uplift me daily in their prayers.

For what are YOU thankful?

Habits take around six months of daily remembrance before becoming automatic in our lives. Can you imagine how one's view of the world would change if he or she would develop the habit of thankfulness? Perhaps this is what the Pilgrims were doing during their first winter in the New World. (cont'd)

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We know that happiness is a choice. I believe that thankfulness is a choice as well. Would you join me in these practices of spiritual formation? Just think how we might change November!

P.T. Wilson

Gobin Stewardship – Sharing, Caring, and Living our High Calling

from the Stewardship Committee

Our 2011 stewardship campaign is drawing to a close.

In July and August, Kathy Sanders, Suzanne Hopkins, Marge Smith, and Asbury Towers hosted stewardship celebration meetings. We celebrated at least 100 things Gobin members are involved with in the community and the world. Our congregation is making a difference!

During our three-Sunday campaign, Pastor Wilson shared two stewardship messages – one on “Your Life’s Purpose” – spreading God’s messages of hope, love, and joy; and another on “Finding Contentment” – discerning ‘contentment’ from ‘want.’ Jeff Hansen, our Lay Leader, shared how he and his family make joint decisions around stewardship. Nathan Kober, a senior at DePauw University, shared how his semester in South Africa taught him about our responsibility of stewardship to one another. Ann Handschu, West District Training Coordinator, shared a message of rebirth and renewal on Stewardship Celebration Sunday. God calls us into communion, asking us to leave behind what is old and sinful in our lives and move into our high calling as Christian disciples - in all areas of our lives. Following the service, approximately 70 people joined together in a celebration lunch at The Inn at DePauw.

In the coming weeks the Finance Committee will be looking at the ministry needs of our church, and allocating funds based on the generosity of those who have pledged financial support for the coming year. If you feel God is calling you to submit a stewardship pledge for the coming year, pledge cards are available in the church office.

Thank you to all who prayed, listened, participated, shared, grieved and celebrated the ministry of Gobin throughout the stewardship campaign. Our prayer is that you will experience the joys of stewardship in the coming year, and may God richly bless the ministry of our church through all you do.

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. –Luke 12:48

No matter how long its been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there’s hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

Surviving The Holidays

Where: Greencastle Christian Church, Room 228

When: November 3, 2011 at 6-8 PM

Cost: \$5

For more information and questions, please call 765-721-2695

Sponsored By: Horizon Hospice Care, Inc. and Greencastle Christian Church



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP !

October 30, 2011	Reformation Sunday/All Saints Sunday/DePauw's Old Gold Weekend Children's Message: P.T. Wilson Text: Matthew 13: 54-58 Message: "Being Like Your Family" Hymns: #711 "For All the Saints" #572 "Pass It On" #584 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
November 6, 2011	Celebration of Holy Communion Children's Message: P.T. Wilson Text: Matthew 14: 13-21 Meditation: "Broken and Blessed" Hymns: #733 "Marching to Zion" #614 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #617 "I Come with Joy"
November 13, 2011	Charge Conference Sunday Children's Message: Jamie Barrand Text: Matthew 14: 22-33 Sermon: "The Wind Ceased" Hymns: #698 "God of the Ages" #723 "Shall We Gather at the River" #605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
November 20, 2011	Thanksgiving Sunday Children's Message: P.T. Wilson Text: Matthew 15: 21-28 Message: "Kibbles and Bits" Hymns: #694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other" #672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"
November 27, 2011	Advent One, Thanksgiving Break, United Methodist Student Day Children's Message: Teddy Shuck Text: Isaiah 11: 1-3a Sermon: "His Delight" Hymns: #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Donald Lawrence
 11/01 Vickie Anderson
 11/04 Doretta Poynter
 11/04 Diana Van Middlesworth
 11/06 Loyd Hurst
 11/07 Cindy Wright
 11/09 David Masten
 11/10 Nathan Grzesiek
 11/11 Chris Buchanan
 11/12 Patrick Rud
 11/15 Marilyn Gough
 11/15 Jody Verplaetse
 11/15 Madge Smythe
 11/18 Beth Watson
 11/18 Eric Wolfe
 11/21 Caroline Jetton
 11/22 Andrea Sweet
 11/23 Lisa Lazar
 11/25 Kim Shinn
 11/25 Sara Swift Tharpe
 11/27 Nadia Nasr
 11/28 Brenda Pershing
 11/29 Nancy McFarland
 11/30 Karen Swalley
 11/30 Brennan Burks



Directory Changes and Corrections:

- P. 32** **Gambill, Brandy***- change of address
 2442 S CR 50 W
 Greencastle IN 46135
- P. 36** **Naylor, Roland***
 removal from directory—death
- P. 37** **Pinney, Harvey*** - change of address
 302 Scotia St.
 Villages FL 32162

Gobin membership as of October 24 is 198.

LOOKING FOR ADDRESS OF A MEMBER

Melissa Pierson joined Gobin in 2003. Since then she has moved, and her last address was in the St. Petersburg, FL, area. If you have her current address, please give it to the church office. Thanks!!

SERVING ON SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Joe & Rita Ferguson will be meeting and greeting guests and visitors.

Position	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Ushers	Larry Anderson Vickie Anderson Chris Buchanan Tina Buchanan	Larry Anderson Vickie Anderson Barb Rice John Schlotterbeck	Lisa Trigg Stephen Kaminski Vic Hunter Linda Hunter	David Houck Carolyn Houck Bob Newton Ann Newton
Communion Steward	Marilyn Culler	Marilyn Culler	Marilyn Culler	Marilyn Culler
Fellowship	Pitch-In	Jane Irwin	Beth Watson Davies	Fran Allen
Counters	Sally Sunkel	Fran Allen	Pat Clover	Betty Dean
Assisting in the Nursery	Katie Hedge	Harriet Watson	Corinne Trigg	Courtney Sweet
Children's Church	Hebbs	Andy Barrand	Denise Thede	Teddy Shuck

Saturday, November 19th 6-8pm—Dinner and Game Night “G-O-B-I-N”

Join us for a night of family fun! Members of the Finance Committee are hosting a Dinner and Game Night fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 19. Tickets for the dinner, which will be prepared by Gobin's own Jeff Hansen, are \$10 each. After dinner we'll play "GOBIN!" — our own spin on classic bingo. Cards for the game will be available for a donation at the event. Prizes will be donated baked goods. Proceeds will go toward the support of Gobin's ministries. For more information, call 658-6003.

Cookie Sale is Coming!!!

The **20th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** is just a month away! This year's sale will take place on **Saturday, December 3th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (come early; word has spread and the cookies go fast!). Come to the Colonnade Room (basement) of Gobin Church to select from a wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies. Three sizes of containers will be available for you to purchase and fill: small, \$4; medium, \$7; and large, \$11. The proceeds will be used to help with Greencastle Emergency Ministries, the Summer Enrichment Program, and the Gobin Kitchen Fund.



We need your help! All UMW members please bake at least 10 dozen cookies. Other members and friends that can contribute, we ask that you bake at least 3 dozen cookies if possible. Cookies should be small to medium in size so they fit in the cans easily. Baked goods can be dropped off during the day on Friday December 2nd by 4:00 p.m. in the Colonnade Room. Also more large coffee cans are needed. Please put them in the box outside the church office. Thank you so much for your help, and we trust that this year's sale will be as great a success as it has been in the past. Contact Gayle Hansen at 653-2351 with any questions.

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATES



4th Quarter Mission—Mary Allison Children's Trust Fund

The Mary Allison Children's Trust came about from the sale of the Mary Allison Children's Home in mi-1980 to a non-profit organization.

The orphan home was originally created by Mary Allison following the deaths of her grandchild and daughter in 1887 and 1888. during that era, children who had no home were usually sent to work on the County Farm

As a memorial to her daughter, Mary Allison created a corporation to manage “The Putnam County Orphans’ Home,” which opened with seven children living in it.

The institution was housed in several locations over time eventually ending up in 1922 in the old Lockridge home on West Columbia Street in Greencastle . It soon became known as the Allison Home.

After decades of housing needy children, the home finally closed in 1992. Although the residence no longer houses children, the legacy of the Mary Allison's trust continues to this day through the current program of providing each elementary school (9 schools throughout Putnam County) with \$1,000 each. Money is raised through contributions and an annual golf outing.

Thank you for considering to give to the neediest children going to school in Putnam County.

Gobin Alive/Crossroads to Be More Visible at Gobin

We have heard from the congregation that they do not know what "Gobin Alive" is or what we're doing. So, we will be creating an informational spot of all things "Gobin Alive" in the South Transept of the sanctuary on the east side on the wooden wall. You will be able to get information on activities and reports and to participate in upcoming activities.

Gobin Alive Radical Hospitality and Newcomers Ministry Teams Join Forces!!

In an effort to make our church even more inviting, welcoming, and engaging, the Radical Hospitality team (Bill Hamm, Jamie Barrand, Linda Ruark, Carol Krag, Carolyn Houck, Barbara Jackson) has joined forces with the Newcomers Ministry Team (Joe & Rita Ferguson, Nancy Andis, Kathy Sanders, Nettie Smithers, and Lois Underwood). This collaboration is providing many creative ideas and new energy.

For example, the people that we used to call greeters at Sunday morning worship have become our Gobin "hosts". Visitors from the Greencastle area are now our "guests" and people from outside our area, such as DePauw parents, are "visitors".

Soon you will see the efforts of our collaboration in the form of new welcoming techniques, better identification of our hosts, new ways to gather information about our guests, how we register our attendance, and new strategic locations for our hosts.

That's the news for today. Stay tuned for more important developments. - Bill Hamm



Sewing Bee:

On September 30, 2011, Marge Smith, Joyce Jones, Mariette Bargaen and I delivered 172 clothing protectors to Franklin United Methodist Community Home. Previously we have taken 300 clothing protectors to them and 5 clothing protectors and 2 walker bags to Asbury Towers Nursing Unit in Greencastle.

The Sewing Bees will continue the last Monday of each month, 10 AM to 3 PM. We appreciate the donation of time and material for making the clothing protectors and walker bags for the dementia/Alzheimer's patients. If you are interested in having a Sewing Bee opportunity in the evening please contact me. Lynette Gwinn (765) 739-6723 or lrgwinn@hughes.net

GOBIN ACTIVITIES

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	2 10:15am Staff Mtg	3 10:00 Monk Ceremony Hub	4	5 10-5pm Bring & Ring V at Orchard Park Presbyterian Ch Pastor's Day Off
6 9:00am Children's Sing 10:30am Wors. 12:00 Pitch-In w/ Gobin Alive Mtg w/ Youth parents 4:30Bells	7 Pastor out of Office for First Mondays 4pm Closing of Monk Ceremony 7:00pm Missions	8 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	9 Denise out of the office—in 10:15am Staff Mtg 7pm Education	10 9:30am UMW Exec. Bd Mtg 4:30pm SEP	11 Hershey, PA Pastor's Days Off	12 8:30-12 Church Clean-up Day
13 9:00am Children's Sing 10:30am Wor. 12:30pm Charge Conf. Luncheon & Mtg 4:30 Bells??	14 7:00 pm Trustees	15 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple	16 10:15am Staff Mtg 7:00pm Genesis	17 7pm Stewdshp	18	19 8:30-12 Rain date for Church Clean-up Day 6-8pm Dinner and Game Night "G-O-B-I-N"
20 9:00am Chil- dren's Sing Reh 10:30am Worship 4:30pm Bells	21 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 7:00pm Finance	22 5:30 pm Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study	23 No Staff Mtg 7pm Staff Parish	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Office Closed Pastor's Days Off	26
27 10:30 Worship 4:30pm Bells	28 10-3pm Sewing Bee in Colonnade Room 7:00pm Church Council	29	30 10:15am Staff Mtg.			

ACTIVITIES AT GOBIN

November 2011

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		1 9:00 am Tot's Time 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc.	2 2:30-5 RIC	3 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc. 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	4	5 10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA
6 3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal	7 2:30-5 RIC 4:00 pm TOPS	8 9:00 am Tot's Time 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc.	9 2:30-5 RIC 6:30-8pm Lisa's Girl Scout Troop	10 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc. 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	11 5-8pm Scrapbooking	12 10am-12pm Warfield guitar 8 pm AA mtg
13 3-5pm Rod Warfield band rehearsal	14 4:00 pm TOPS	15 9:00 am Tots' Time 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! Sanc 5:30-8:30 Parents & Divorce Class	16	17 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc. 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	18 .	19 10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons 8:00 pm AA
20 3-5pm R.Warfield band rehearsal	21 2:30-5 RIC 4:00 pm TOPS	22 9:00 am Tots' Time 2:30-5 RIC 4-6 Exalt! in Sanc.	23 2:30-5 RIC	24 4:30 pm PCCS cooking in kitchen	25	26 10am-12pm Rod Warfield guitar lessons 8:00pm AA mtg
27 3-5pm R War- field band re- hearsal	28 2:30-5 RIC 4:00pm TOPS 6-8pm Exalt in sanct.	29 4-6pm Exalt! in Sanctuary	30 12:30-1:30pm DPU Choir in sanc. 4-5:30pm DPU Choirs in sanc. 6:30-8pm Lisa's Girl Scout Troop			



Would you like to receive Gobin's eDevotional?

If you would like to receive a daily devotion along with some calendar information and birthdays as well as upcoming events, please consider being added to our eDevotional list. Call Denise in the church office at 658-6003, and she will add you to our list.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Gobin will be selling wreaths again this year. The proceeds of the sale of the wreaths will benefit the Education, Youth, and Children's Programs. Please complete the form which will be available in the church office and the bulletins at church by Sunday, Nov. 13th. The cost is \$25.00. The wreaths will arrive shortly after the Thanksgiving Holiday and may be picked up at the church or can be delivered. Payment is due upon delivery, but can be made when the form is turned in. Thanks for supporting this festive fundraising project of Gobin Church.



ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 12th from 8:30-12:00pm
Rain date: Sat., November 19th, 8:30-12:00pm



Help Us Decorate the Mitten Tree

With the cold weather nearly upon us, it's time to think of others who won't have a sock hat, a scarf, a pair of mittens or gloves to keep them warm this winter. Please donate these new items to decorate our Mitten Tree by December 4th so that they can be distributed to Head Start, A-Way Home Shelter, and the Johnson-Nichols Clinic before the bitter cold sets in. All sizes are welcome for men, women, and children. Thanks for keeping our friends warm this winter!!



WEST DISTRICT PUTNAM CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE AT GOBIN

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 13TH

Rev. Judi Purvis invites our church leadership to the District Charge Conference being held at 12:30pm at the Gobin Memorial UMC. A meal will be served by Nettie Smithers and the Gobin UMW at 12:30pm for all participants. At 1:30pm reports will be uplifted, and the budget for our shared ministries voted upon during that afternoon.

Please let Denise know if you plan on
being at Charge Conference at 658-
6003 or gobin@gobinumc.org.



**American
Red Cross**

**SAVE THE DATE—
FRI. DECEMBER 9TH 2-7PM
Gobin will be hosting a Blood Drive
for the American Red Cross**



FALL FOR JESUS

This is a recent Children's Church lesson done on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011. The children had a great time collecting all sorts of leaves from the ground. The kids were encouraged to "Fall For Jesus" in much the same way as leaves fall to the ground.



Practices Continue for Children's Christmas Program

It's not too late for children to jump in to learn the music and motions for the Christmas Program Songs. Rehearsals are Sunday morning at 9:00am!! Hope to sing with your kids soon!!

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES POSTED IN WESLEY HALL

Because we care about the safety of our children and volunteers, Gobin will be posting its Child Protection Guidelines in the hallway of Wesley Hall so that everyone is aware of its importance at our church. Copies of the guidelines are also in the church office.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Learn how to make your congregation a safe place where children and youth may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

Initial Training Saturday, November 5th
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Folsom Memorial UMC
 (20 W Union, Worthington)
 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Center Point UMC
 (200 S Cherry Street, Center Point)

Follow Up Q&A Saturday, November 19th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00
 p.m. Folsom Memorial UMC

Fall Lay Speaker Training

Basic Lay Speaker Training
 November 5th (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

[Clinton First UMC](#)
[310 S. 4th Street, Clinton](#)
[The cost of this class is \\$40.00.](#)

Go to www.inumc.org/westdistrict for a registration form.

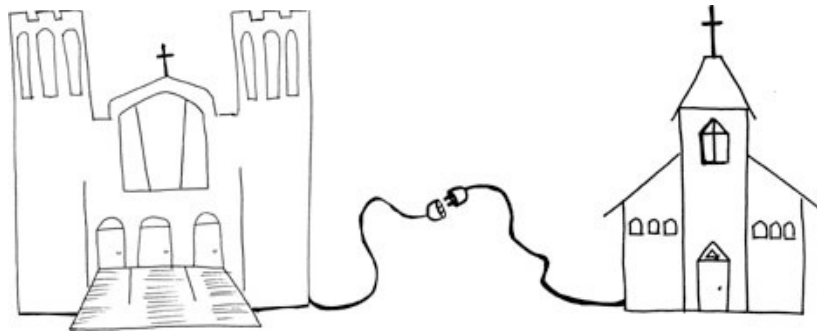
"SOUP"-ER SUNDAYS

Don't forget to purchase a couple extra cans of soup to help supply the Food Pantry. Gobin has taken over the unofficial name of the "Soup Church". Bring your soup to church on Sunday mornings. The acolytes will collect the soup as they bring the little red wagon down the center aisle during the collection of our Offering. Thanks for helping out those who are less fortunate within the Community!!





PEACE AND JUSTICE
November 2011
Connectionalism



One word unique and basic to United Methodism is “connectionalism.” That means simply that all United Methodist leaders and congregations are connected by certain loyalties and commitments that call us to live in covenantal accountability and empower us to be in ministry around the world.

The United Methodist Church, which began as a movement and a loose network of local societies with a mission, grew into one of the most carefully organized and largest denominations in the world. The United Methodist structure and organization was designed to accomplish John Wesley’s goal of spreading “Scriptural holiness” over the land.

United Methodists may be amazed at the many organizational layers of church life, but members of other denominations have been heard to say: “If you want something done, get the United Methodists to do it.” Followers of the Wesleys are indeed “methodical” about their approach to mission and ministry.

One reason United Methodists can do great things is the church’s emphasis on “connectionalism.” Sometimes United Methodist leaders speak of the denomination as “the connection.” This concept has been central to Methodism from its beginning.

Gobin Memorial UMC is NOT the total body of Christ. But, Gobin as well as all local United Methodist congregations are bound together by a common task and common governance that reaches out into the world. United Methodist churches and organizations join in ministry with each other and with other denominations.

Connectionalism comes to life through the clergy appointment system, through the outreach United Methodists do together and through giving.

An example of connectionalism is Africa University, founded by The United Methodist Church in 1992 and already changing the face of the continent. No one congregation could have developed the university, but together we make a tremendous difference!

One weary pilgrim

By E. Stine

I went to church Sunday, as is my custom. I was weary in mind and body—wary of hearing bad news; oil spills in the mighty Mississippi, dead birds, more bombs in Iraq, wildfires, candidates promising to make it all right and frightened neighbors facing cancer surgery. I was looking forward to the quiet sanctuary, soft music, meditation time, scripture, the presence, worship.

Oh! I had forgotten it was the children's Bible school program. The sanctuary had been transformed into a science lab, the atmosphere was charged with excitement, lots of shuffling about. They were being directed to stand and sing, with motions, "Power in the Blood." I stood, my weary body protesting, but I did not do the motions or sing. I could not. I considered leaving, but knew it would be conspicuous and worrisome to those who knew me.

The actions intensified as the guest "scientist"

flew about, illustrating how God was responsible for the wind, water and fire. Enough of that.

When the event was finally over and we filed out, something wonderful happened. As my friend and I neared the sanctuary door, I was aware something touched me. When I looked down, I saw a child, a small boy I did not know. He looked up at me, then reached out and hugged my knees. I smiled and he motioned me to bend down. He put his arms around my neck and hugged me again.

I said, almost in tears, "Thank you, but why did you hug me?"

The child's beautiful face was serious when he said, "Just 'cause."

I said, "What can I do to deserve this?"

He said, "You don't have to do anything."

This weary pilgrim had met the master. I had been to church.

This article was written by Corene Stine (a former Gobin member now living at the Franklin Home) as an assignment in a writing class she attends. Someone sent it into a paper so she is now a "published author."

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