

## Crossroads Comments

### *Mae's Weavings*

#### **“Savor the Flavor”**



One of my enjoyable pastimes, in “past times,” was to leisurely leaf through the picturesque pages of a cook-book. I would sometimes be challenged to prepare familiar food with unfamiliar herbs or spices. These additions of different flavors added a new dimension of taste to favorite foods. The colorful photos of completed dishes inspired me to try new recipes. Through some of these recipes I was introduced to a “a world of new cheeses” so readily available in our supermarkets.

I still enjoy the old favorites—Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Swiss, and I confess I sometimes, for convenience, use the one that chefs suggest we never use: pre-packaged grated Parmesan. I have no claim to the title of chef. My kitchen skills probably fall under the classification of “down-home country cookin’.”

During their childhood years, my kids did not think it was a Sunday dinner unless there were mashed potatoes and gravy with the fried chicken, beef roast, pork chops or whatever the entrée happened to be. If you are a long-time reader of my “Weavings,” you know I no longer have reading vision. Most of the recipes I now use are stored in my memory bank.

Our weekly Tuesday night family suppers in my home usually consist of “memory foods.” Occasionally, I do prepare a new dish with the guidance of a friend. Sometimes those “self-acclaimed connoisseurs” around my table voice their approval and sometimes they suggest I not bother to make this one again!

Conscientious cooks taste the food during the preparation . To add another spice or herb may upstage the food from good to better to best. Sometimes it only takes a pinch of salt to make a difference.

Do we give careful attention to our spiritual diet? Do we begin each day with praise and a prayer of thanksgiving to God, whose mercies are new every morning? During the day do we often make “quick stops at God’s fast food pick-up window” and ask for more grace to be the “salt of the earth” in a hurting world?

Are we sensitive and compassionate to someone whose diet consists of the “bread of tears” (Psalm 30:5)? Do we come alongside with love and understanding and offer them a generous portion of the fruits of the spirit—kindness and gentleness?

Do we make a difference in the world around us? Do we bring “the essence of flavor” of God’s love wherever we go? Sometimes it only takes a pinch of salt to make a difference?

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)

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(From Mae’s Archives —March 2004)

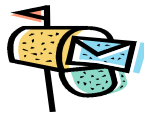


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 but there may be some dates we do not have.  
 Please call the church office and help us  
 update our records.*



**Save the Date !**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm  
 in the sanctuary there will be  
 a screening of the movie:  
***Call + Response***  
 A film about the world's  
 27,000,000 dirtiest secrets.

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