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The mission of Castleton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **love God, love one another, and serve the world.**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Services

Castleton Worship Center
71st & Shadeland
8:30 & 9:40

Classical Worship
11:00

Contemporary Worship

Sunrise Worship Center
75th & Oaklandon
9:00

Classical Worship
10:30

The Message

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Anticipation...



There is something about the anticipation of green grass, warmer weather and sunshine that gives me just enough hope to make it through these last days of winter. Sure, there are times when it seems like Spring may never show up but the crazy thing is, it always does. The reason I know this is because it happens every year.

Right now we find ourselves on a journey through Lent, which also happens to come around each year. This is a journey through the hopelessness of ashes that leads us to the foot of the cross by way of sacrifice, service and study; but thankfully, it does not stop there. Lent provides you and me the opportunity to move from a sense of guilt and shame to one of hope because we know that just like Spring and Lent, Easter will come!

As the Lenten journey comes to an end over these next few weeks, it is not too late to find ways to prepare your heart for the events of Easter morning and the hope that it brings. To help in your journey, check out “A Lenten Devotional: The Gospel of Mark” (available at the Castleton Welcome Center, Sunrise Information Tables or the church office). Mark my words.

You can read and interact with more of Matt’s writings and thoughts at his blog: <http://mattlipan.blogspot.com> or connect with him on Twitter @mattlipan.

Matt Lipan, Associate Pastor of Family Ministries

**Extravagant
Generosity
Sundays**
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6

Please join us the first Sunday of each month as we seek to celebrate your **extravagant generosity**. We are asking your assistance to help make up a \$350,000 shortfall. For many this will mean digging a little deeper and for that we are grateful. These additional funds are needed by June 20, 2010. Mark your calendars – March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6 – as we plan to celebrate your continued generosity as we meet this obligation.

Lent Sermon Series

Mark My Word: A Series on the Gospel of Mark:

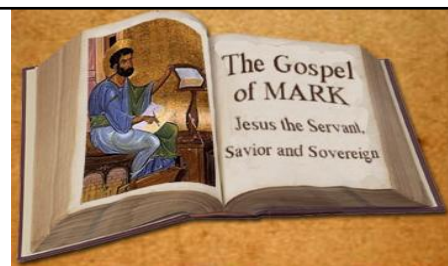
March 7 –X Marks the Spot –Mark 7:14-23
March 14 –Remarkable! –Mark 9:2-8
March 21 –The Mark of the Beast –Mark 13:14-23, 32-33
March 28 –Mark My Word –Mark 14:3-9
April 2 –Making a Mark on the World –Mark 16:1-6a
April 4 –Easter Sunday

The 40 days of Lent (minus the six Sundays, which are celebrations of the resurrection) recall Jesus’ 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry. The ancient practice of the early Church was to use this time to prepare those who were to be baptized at Easter. The Lenten season has always included fasting, repentance, prayers and special acts of discipline.

We encourage you to make Lent a special time in your personal growth as a Christian this year. We are making available several resources: *The Sanctuary for Lent 2010*, *A Handbook for the Discipline of Lent*, *A List of Lenten Disciplines*, and *Mark My Words!* (which includes daily readings from Mark’s gospel).

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado is a new Lenten study for the 9:40 a.m. Sunday School class in room 176 at Castleton. Come explore the cross and other symbols surrounding Christ’s crucifixion, contemplate their purpose, and celebrate the significance of hope given to all humanity.

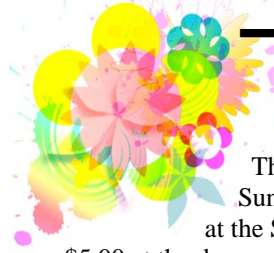
A special study of the Book of Mark is offered as a part of Castleton Midweek Connection on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in room 112 taught by Rodney Frieden and Matt Lipan.



PASTORAL STAFF:

C. Mac Hamon, Senior Pastor ~ Rodney Frieden, Associate Pastor and Preacher at Sunrise Worship Center
Matt Lipan, Associate Pastor of Family Ministries ~ Bill Schwein, Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries
Jackie Chandler, Pastoral Counselor

Dessert and Design — Just for Ladies



Ladies, it is time to treat yourself. Learn floral arranging, card making, quilt design and multi-media design.

This special gathering will be held on Sunday, March 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Worship Center. The cost is

\$5.00 at the door and includes desserts and coffee.

Reservations must be made by March 9 by e-mailing or calling Kathy Dix at kathyjdix@hotmail.com or 855-7060.

The event is being jointly sponsored by the Women's Ministry and United Methodist Women of Castleton Church. Childcare will be available upon request.

New Office Manager

Castleton United Methodist Church has a new addition to its staff. Sherry Maberto has been hired as Office Manager and editor of the monthly newsletter *toGather*. Sherry has a combined background of communications and accounting having previously been the business manager and media buyer for iDiz advertising agency, as well as having worked as a business analyst for Comcast Spotlight. She is an alumnus of Butler University where she completed a degree in communications and secondary education. Many of you already know Sherry from attending church at the Castleton campus or from the Wesleyan handbell group. Please welcome her to the staff.

Former Office Manager Barb Sibbing has ventured into a new business opportunity having opened a tearoom in Greenwood with a fellow church member. Many of you will still see Barb on Sundays at the Sunrise campus. Although we will miss Barb in the office and appreciate her many contributions, we wish her success with her new venture.

Let's Eat Out

Looking for a good excuse not to cook? On Thursday, March 25, Max and Erma's in Castleton will donate 20% of your lunch, dinner or carry-out order to the Castleton United Methodist Church Youth group. You will need to present a coupon in order to be counted in the total donated. Pick up a coupon at either the Castleton Welcome Center or the Sunrise Information Table.

Castleton U.M.C.
Youth Mission Trips
Fundraiser!

Present this ticket to your server and
20% of your lunch, dinner &
carry-out sales will benefit
Castleton U.M.C. Youth.

**Max &
Erma's**

Castleton
5899 E. 86th Street, 841-1411

Visit maxandermas.com
to view our menu & learn about our
Good Neighbor Rewards program.
Proceed donation does not include
gift certificate sales.

Girl Scout Sunday

We are calling all Girl Scouts who would like to participate in the celebration of Girl Scout Sunday on March 14 at Castleton Worship Center. Girl Scouts are needed to greet and usher at all services. Please contact Susy Komenda-Myers at 281-2338, susyphil@aol.com; or Jennifer Mosier at jmosier7424@sbcglobal.net.

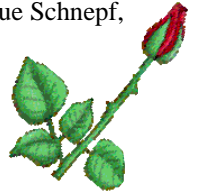


We Celebrate

~ The birth of Alan and Kelly Short's daughter, Stella Grace, born January 20. Her proud family includes siblings Juliana and Cooper Short, grandparents Sonny and Lottie Short, Al and CeCe Roger.

~ The birth of Nick and Kristen Howard's son, Colin Robert, born February 3. His proud family includes Chuck and Sue Schnepf, Jane Howard and Mike Howard.

~ The birth of Mark and Sarah Bartley's son, Isaiah Mark, born February 20. Proud grandparents are John and Mary Bartley and Rob and Cathy Girmann.



Our Sympathy and Prayers



**A Loss
in the Church
Family**

~ Judy and Larry Burch and family on the death of Judy's father, Cleo Young on January 26.

~ Dave and Karen DeHebeard on the passing of David's mother, Vera. Services were held January 28 in Franklin, IN.

~ Becky Brammer on the passing of her mother February 2, after a long illness, in Terre Haute, IN.

~ Family and friends of Marge Hindman who passed away February 5.

~ Lisa and Alan Elick, on the deaths of Lisa's uncle who passed away on February 10 and Lisa's mother, Anna Marie Nemeth, who died on February 11. Both services were held in South Bend, IN.

~ Stan and Donna Lawrence, on the death of Stan's father, Damon Lawrence, who passed away February 23.

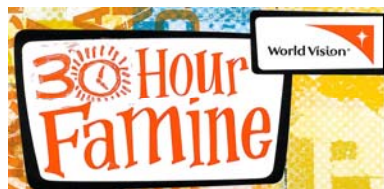
~ Dave and Jeannine Voris, on the death of Jeannine's father Robert R. Wine, on February 22 in Columbus, Ohio.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to place flowers on the altar at the Castleton Worship Center in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special day, occasion or to honor a special person? Contact Myra Jean, myra@castletonumc.org or 849-2947. Cost of flowers is \$40.00. **Flowers must be paid for at the time of the request.**

Financial Corner — Haiti Relief Effort

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) (<http://www.umcorhaiti.org>) reports having collected more than \$11 million in the first 30 days since the earthquake in Haiti. Along with that some 350,000 health kits have been assembled and are ready to be sent to Haiti. Locally Castleton United Methodist Church has collected over \$15 thousand. One hundred percent of these donations are forwarded to UMCOR. The relief and recovery effort by UMCOR includes an initial emergency phase as well as a projected five year recovery plan. And to put that plan in motion, UMCOR has opened a field office in Port-au-Prince and is now hiring full time staff.



On March 12 - 13, the Castleton United Methodist Youth Group will participate in World Vision's **30 Hour Famine**. We're fasting for 30 hours to get a taste of hunger and to raise money to help feed and care for hungry kids and their families around the world. *But we need your help!* We'd like the whole church to be involved in our Famine. Here are some ways you can be part of the action:



- **Pray.** Ask God to bless our students as they go without food so others can eat.
- **Participate.** We need volunteers to help with our Famine weekend event!
- **Give.** Support our students' donation efforts. Every \$30 they donate to World Vision can help feed and care for one child for a month. Participants will be signing sponsors who pledge a monetary amount for every hour the student goes without food — up to 30 hours.

The event features a lock-in during which time many of the students will experience what it is like to sleep in a cardboard box outside. Students will also be assembling Care Kits for the homeless through Indianapolis Homeless Connect. For more information contact E-Rock@castletonumc.org.



Mission Opportunities

Youth mission trips have been set for this summer. Middle school will take a trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky from June 27 - July 3. High schoolers will be going to Chicago from June 6 - June 11. These trips will offer invaluable experiences! Contact E-Rock at E-Rock@castletonumc.org or Beth Matters at beth@castletonumc.org with any questions.

This year we are also offering an opportunity for an all church mission trip for all ages. Two dates have been selected to offer families a chance to work together along with adult individuals. The two dates are June 27 - July 2 and August 5 - 9. Contact Rodney Frieden at Rodney@castletonumc.org for more information.

Castleton Worship Center now has a mission table where you can find a variety of activities that are suitable for all ages and skill sets. Opportunities change frequently, so stop by on a regular basis. If you are part of an organization that does mission work and would like to utilize the table to recruit volunteers, contact Mary Carson at carsonarm@sbcglobal.net.

Operation Classroom -- 20 Years and Still Going Strong

Operation Classroom has been providing supplies for school children and teachers at Brumskine School in Liberia for over 20 years. We want you to know what we did in 2009:

- * Held four Packing Parties (one each quarter)
- * Filled 628 Elementary Youth Educational Supply (YES) Kits
- * Filled 622 High School YES Kits (various school supplies)
- * Filled 304 Health Kits (towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, comb, aspirin)
- * Total of 500 boxes filled and shipped with the help of over 235 volunteers from 15 different churches.



Several of our women have sewn over 200 YES Bags in 2009. There is a need for many more and we invite anyone who can sew a simple seam to pick up bags at the Castleton Welcome Center. Bags are pre-cut and ready to sew with directions also available.

Castleton Church is well represented at each packing party. We are especially proud of our high school youth who are a tremendous help. Several men furnish their pick-up trucks and deliver the boxes to Lapel, IN.

Our next packing party is **Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Old Bethel United Methodist Church.**

Our needs include: ball point pens, scissors, rulers and health kit items listed above. Place your donations in the Mission Boxes at the Castleton and Sunrise campuses.

Castleton Church Helping Others

More than 30 people provided support and over 200 meals to our four homeless families who were housed at Castleton United Methodist Church the first week of February during the winter rotation of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). We had young and old helping unload and load beds, cleaning, cooking, greeting, driving, helping with homework, and playing with the children.

The next opportunity to help those less fortunate will be April 25 to May 1. If you would like to be involved in the next hosting of IHN, contact Brenda Myers at bymyers@8GreatTowns.com or Mary Ann Schubert at maryannschubert@sbcglobal.net.

Come to the Rainforest for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2010 will be held June 14-18 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Make plans now to join us on a fun-filled adventure through the Rainforest. VBS is open to all children ages 4 years old through 5th grade. It takes many volunteers to run VBS, and we are still in need of volunteers for the board of directors. This is a week you will not want to miss!!!! Contact Penny Walker at penny@castletonumc.org with any questions.



Contact Penny Walker, Director of Children's Ministry at penny@castletonumc.org or 849-2947.

Castleton: Sunday School 9:40 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunrise: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Childcare provided at all services at both locations.

Celebrate Spring! United Methodist Women's Flower Sale

The United Methodist Women's flower sale begins Sunday, March 7 between all services at Castleton and Sunrise Worship Centers. A picture album will be available to help you choose your favorites or perhaps something new. Plan your color and flower combinations now to beautify your home and gardens in May; at the same time you will be supporting worthy mission projects, such as baby bundles for indigent mothers, the Lebanon Children's Home, Mother's Day Prison Party, Back to School backpacks and many others.

An order form is included with this newsletter, or you can pick one up at Castleton or Sunrise Worship Centers on Sunday morning. All orders must be pre-paid and the deadline for orders is Monday, March 22. Flowers will be delivered to Castleton Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 30 between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. There will be NO Saturday pick-ups this year. If you would like to help on this project or need more information, contact Joyce Hamon at 845-9790 or jhamon@clarian.org or Rosemary Draga at 849-1288.



Youth Bell Blurbs

Are you in middle school and looking for some more fun on Wednesdays? Then play bells with Glory Bells! No experience is necessary; you'll be taught everything you need to know to ring a of couple bells, and the next thing you know, you're a part of beautiful music! We meet from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the bell room behind the Castleton sanctuary – see you there!

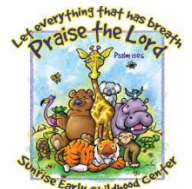
High schoolers - don't be shy; find out where the fun is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. It's playing bells with the Amazing Technicolor Bell Choir! Be a part of this "vibe"rant group – the energy never stops! No experience necessary; we're a loving bunch that will help you make beautiful music. Meet in the bell room behind the Castleton sanctuary. Want to know more? Contact Gisele Dollinger at dolingeg@ips.k12.in.us.



Summer and Fall Programs

Now Registering

Castleton United Methodist Nursery School (CUMNS) is registering during March for the Summer sCampers program which begins on Monday, June 7 until Friday, August 6. Church members and families enrolled in our school year program or alumni of the school may enroll now. In addition to our classes for children 6 weeks through Kindergarten age, we have a school aged class in the summer for children in 1st through 6th grades. This school aged group will begin a week earlier on June 1. If you are interested in enrolling your child in any of these programs, CUMNS also still has some openings for the Fall; call Amy Myers at 841-7491 or email cumnskids@castletonumc.org.



The Sunrise Early Childhood Center (ECC) began its early registration in February. With all six classes filling fast, families are encouraged to contact ECC soon regarding the remaining openings for the 2010 - 2011 school year. The Sunrise Early Childhood Center offers preschool classes for 2 to 5 year olds, as well as Kindergarten. Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a variety of schedules and optional afternoon activities available. Please contact Emily Hawthorne at emily@castletonumc.org or 823-0123.

Our Pastors on the Web www.castletonumc.org

Pastors Mac Hamon, Rodney Frieden and Matt Lipan all have blogs that will help guide us in our daily living. You can connect to the blogs through the church website by clicking on the tab marked "Blogs." You can elect to be notified whenever there is an updated entry, or connect directly to their blogs using the links below by pressing the control key while clicking on the link.

A Mac Book (Mac's blog <http://amacbook.blogspot.com>)

Notes to Myself (Rodney's blog <http://rodneymfrien.blogspot.com>)

A Journeyman's Catalog (Matt's blog <http://mattlipan.blogspot.com>)

facebook

And if you are on Facebook, become a Fan of **CUMC – Castleton United Methodist Church**. We will be using the page to send out information about upcoming events to all those who become a fan of CUMC.

Student Ministries



Contact Eric (E*Rock) Müller,
Director of Student Ministries, e-rock@castletonumc.org
or 849-2947.

Young Adult Ministries

For more information or to get involved,
contact Matt Lipan, Associate Pastor of Family
Ministries at 849-2947 or matt@castletonumc.org.



UMW Flower Order Form

NAME: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

ORDER DEADLINE IS March 22, 2010

**Flower pickup is Friday, April 30, 2010, 3:00 to 7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall, CWC**

Please indicate the number of flats and total cost in the spaces provided.

All orders must be paid at time order is placed. Flats may be split in halves or thirds only!

	#	\$
This column = 36 plants per flat @ \$14.50 per flat		

Impatiens

Red _____
 Pink _____
 White _____
 Lavender _____
 Salmon _____
 Lipstick(Hot Pink) _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$14.50=

Dianthus

Raspberry Parfait _____
 Strawberry Parfait _____
 Floral Lace purple _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$14.50=

Vinca (Periwinkle)

Red _____
 Pure White _____
 White/Red Center _____
 Lavender _____
 Rose _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$14.50=

Petunias

Red _____
 Dark Blue _____
 Pink _____
 White _____
 Salmon _____
 Sky Blue _____
 Lavender _____

Buttercream _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$14.50=

Marigolds (large)

Yellow _____
 Orange _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$14.50=

COLUMN TOTAL _____ **\$** _____

	#	\$
This column = 15 plants per flat		

New Guinea Impatiens 4.5" pots - \$38.00 per flat

Red _____
 Rose Flare _____
 Light Pink _____
 Fuchsia _____
 Light Lavender _____
 Orange _____
 Salmon _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$38.00=

Geraniums 4.5" pots - \$38.00 per flat

Red _____
 Pink _____
 White _____
 Salmon _____
 Lavender _____
 Rose _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$38.00 =

Dahlias 4" - 4.5" pots - \$ 40.00 per flat

Mixed colors _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$40.00 =

Fern, Vines, Spikes 4" pots - \$22.00 per flat

Asparagus Fern _____
 Spikes _____
 Vinca Vine _____
 Sweet Potato Vine-Black _____

Sweet Potato Vine-Lime _____

Total # of Flats _____ x\$22.00=

COLUMN TOTAL _____ **\$** _____

PAGE 1 TOTAL _____ **\$** _____

(Over)

#	\$
Begonias = 18 Plants per flat: \$15.50 per flat	
Dark Wax Leaf Begonias -	
Red _____	
Pink _____	
White _____	
Total # of Flats _____	x\$15.50=
Green Wax Leaf Begonias -	
Red _____	
Pink _____	
White _____	
Total # of Flats _____	x\$15.50=

Wave Petunias - \$11.00 per 6-pack container	
Easy Wave Red _____	cannot split colors
Easy Wave Shell _____	
Pink _____	cannot split colors
Easy Wave White _____	cannot split colors
E.W. Red/White/Blue _____	2 each color
Wave Dk.Blue _____	cannot split colors
Wave Lavender _____	cannot split colors
Wave Misty Lilac _____	cannot split colors
Wave Pink _____	cannot split colors
Wave Purple _____	cannot split colors
Dbl. Wave Purple _____	cannot split colors
Dbl. Wave Rose _____	cannot split colors
Dbl. Wave White _____	cannot split colors
Dbl. Wave Blue _____	
Vein _____	cannot split colors
Total # of Cont. _____	x\$11.00=

4" - 4.5" pots - 15 plants per flat - \$39.50 per flat	
Million Bells Petunias -	
Terra Cotta _____	
Cherry Pink _____	
Blue _____	
Red _____	
Yellow _____	
Total # of Flats _____	x\$39.50=
Superbells (Super-tunias) -	
Bubblegum Pink _____	
Cherry Red _____	
Rose Vein _____	
Mini Blue _____	
Scarlet _____	
Total # of Flats _____	x\$39.50=

COLUMN TOTAL _____ \$ _____

#	\$
BASKETS -- All 10-Inch Hanging	
Vining Geraniums - \$16.50 each (see pix in book)	
Ruby Red _____	
Pink _____	
Orchid _____	
Arctic Red (deep red w/ Lavender) _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$16.50=
New Guinea Impatiens - \$16.50 each	
Red _____	
Pink _____	
Light Lavender _____	
Salmon _____	
Amethyst _____	
White _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$16.50=
Thunbergia (Vining Black-Eyed Susans)-\$16.50	
Yellow _____	
Orange _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$16.50=
Non-Stop Begonia Baskets - \$15.00 each	
Red _____	
Orange _____	
Yellow _____	
Pink _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$15.00=
Combination Baskets - \$18.50 each	
Sun Variety _____	
Shade Variety _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$18.50=
Impatiens Baskets - \$14.00 each	
Red _____	
Pink _____	
White _____	
Lavender _____	
Salmon _____	
Lipstick (Hot Pink) _____	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$14.00=
NEW! Boston Fern Baskets - \$15.00 each	
Total # of Baskets _____	x\$15.00=

COLUMN TOTAL _____ \$ _____
PAGE 2 TOTAL _____ \$ _____

Herbs - 4" Pots - 15 per flat - \$2.50 per pot
May order any number of pots, full flat not required

Basil _____
 Catnip _____
 Cilantro _____
 (Coriander) _____
 Parsley curly leaf _____
 Oregano _____
 Thyme _____
 Lemon Thyme _____
 Sage _____
 French Tarragon _____
 Sweet marjorum _____
 Rosemary _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$2.50=**

Butterfly Daisies 5" Pots - \$8.00 per pot

Yellow _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$8.00=**

Gerbera Daisies 4.5" Pot - \$6.00 per pot
(10 pots per flat) (See Picture)

Assorted Colors _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$6.00=**

Double Impatiens 4.5" Pot - \$6.00 per pot
(10 pots per flat) (See Picture)

Assorted Colors _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$6.00=**

Annual Grasses - 4.5" Pots - \$8.00 per pot

Rubrum Red _____
 Fiber Optic _____

NEW! Ponytail _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$8.00=**



COLUMN TOTAL _____ \$ _____

Perennials - Gallon Pots - \$9.00 each ---- NEW!
(see pictures in book)

Black-eyed Susan -
 Indian Summer _____

Shasta Daisy -
 Broadway Lights _____
 Sunnyside Up _____

Delphinium -
 Summer Blue _____

Gaillardia -
 Goblin _____
 Arizona Sun _____

Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)
 Black Night _____
 Nanho Blue _____
 Pink Delight _____
 Royal Red _____
 White Profusion _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$9.00=**

Martha Washington Geranium
8-inch Pot - \$13.00 each (See pictures in book)

Red _____
 Lilac _____
 Salmon _____

Total # of Pots _____ **x\$13.00=**

Column Total _____ \$ _____

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Page 1 & 2 Total _____ \$ _____

Total Order _____ \$ _____