

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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### *From your pastor...*

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to return to Greenfield, Massachusetts for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. I did not graduate from there—after 8<sup>th</sup> grade, my dad retired and we moved to Florida.

It was interesting to be able to get re-acquainted with “kids” whom I had not seen since back in the ‘50’s. I was surprised at how much they had changed! Of course, we were polite, and acted like we remembered each other. There was a lot of reminiscing, and a many trips down “memory lane.”

Recently, I came across the following list—to which many of us will be able to relate, and which gives a little idea about how much things have changed (and will continue to change):

### ***“A few things our grandchildren may never know...”***

1. Inserting a VHS tape into a VCR to watch a movie or to record something
2. Super-8 movies, 8-tracks, CB radios, and rotary-dial telephones
3. Playing cassette tapes on a Walkman
4. Rotary dial televisions with no remote control, life before TV
5. Dot-matrix printers, 3-inch and 5-inch floppies, Zip Discs, and other forms of data storage
6. Computer screens being just green (or orange) on black
7. Having to delete something to make room on your computer's hard drive
8. Using a hard copy of an encyclopedia or dictionary
9. Phone books and the Yellow Pages—having to remember phone numbers
10. Relying on a road atlas for directions
11. Doing bank business only when the bank is open, writing a check, using cash
12. Shopping only during the day, Monday through Saturday
13. Filling out a form by hand, licking the envelope, licking the stamp, and mailing it
14. Corresponding with handwritten letters
15. When Spam was just a meat product in a can
16. Typewriters, mimeographs, and ditto machines
17. Installing film in camera, sending film to be processed, prints coming back
18. Using a stick to point at information on a wall chart
19. Pay phones (that cost only a nickel or dime)
20. When the phone rings, not knowing who was calling
21. Going to a video store to rent a movie or to an arcade to play video games
22. Getting a gold star in school for neat handwriting
23. Slide rules and books with trigonometry and logarithm tables
24. Using the card catalog at the library to find a book
25. Manually unlocking a car door

Adapted from a list by Nathan Barry 2009

Your Pastor, *David*