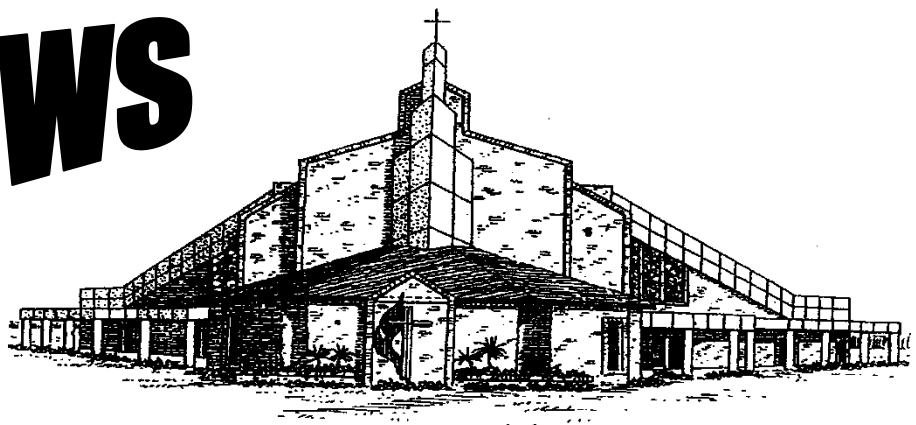


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The Mission of the Month is ECHO. This Christian based group provides training, instruction, and dried seeds to underprivileged countries to increase their food production. They are very innovative and do extensive research to provide the greatest benefits to help feed hungry people. We are excited to support their endeavors. We thank you all for your generous support.

Jane McGrath,
Mission Chair

FROM THE PASTOR

Isaiah 40:3 says, *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for God.* (RSV)

One of my strengths for ministry is the ability to *see* what isn't there. This ability allows me to vision what future possibilities might look like. The problem with this gift is it only has possibilities if I can share it with others so they can imagine what I am describing to them. I have already seen some things that might be helpful for the future of Ocala West UMC.

I believe that Isaiah saw visions of what God expected of Israel and knew that preparation was essential for the potential of the vision to be embraced and made a reality. The same holds true for the church today. Either a person or a group must cast a vision for the people of the church to see, then they can agree that this is their concept of the church or not. One of the most famous quotes of a person with vision began with the words *I have a Dream...!* Martin Luther King could visualize a world that, I believe, is becoming a reality. His vision was clear and soon many people began to see the dream and did the work to make the dream come true. America is a land with less prejudice today because of the vision of this pastor.

The church council approved a visioning committee to start meeting with me so we can articulate a vision for the future of Ocala West UMC. I hope that each member and constituent will keep this group in their prayers so that we will agree on a vision statement for the Council to approve. Once the vision statement is approved I believe it will help give the church goals and objectives that will help grow to be the church that we dream it to be. I am excited and I hope you are too, that we can start a new direction for this church that will be a vital ministry for the Ocala West communities! I also hope it will help grow into the church that God would be pleased with where we have come and where we are going.

Blessings,
Pastor Alan



Tuesday Bible Study – Tuesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00 a.m., Room 105

After School Plus – Begins Wednesday, September 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Singles Pot Luck Supper – Thursday, September 15, 5:00 p.m., Stanfield Hall

Covered Dish & Hymn Sing – Saturday, September 17, 5:00 p.m., Stanfield Hall

Women's Prayer Group – Monday, September 19, 11:30 a.m., The Gathering Room.
Bring a bag lunch.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, September 19, 4:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

UMW Unit Meeting – Monday, September 26, 9:30 a.m., Stanfield Hall



The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month in Room 104 at 1:00 p.m.

At our September meeting, we will be updating our group on activities and concerns as well as updates from those who have been away over the summer months.

For more information, contact Gail Tirpak at 352 291-6904 (home) or 352 362-4177 (cell).



United Methodist Men

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP JUNQUE SALE - Will take place on October 27, 28 and 29 in Stanfield Hall. The sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and on Saturday, October 29; it will be open 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Anyone may donate sale items to our storage pods located at the church beginning in September. The storage units will be open every Tuesday and Thursday during September and October from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to attend the storage units during Sept. and Oct. For information, call 291-0941 or 291-1395.

Newsletter Deadline For Next Issue

Friday, September 16

NOTE CHANGE OF SUBMISSION

Email to:
Carole Lytle
carly328@cfl.rr.com

AND

Michelle Morrison
office@ocalawestumc.com.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Will resume “David’s Story” on September 6 at 10:00 a.m., Room 105. Do join us for coffee as we focus in-depth on God’s Word to us. Our study continues with the 18th Chapter of ISamuel. Bring your Bible, grab a friend and come study with us!

Prayer Concerns. . .

Bob Parrott	Frank Woods
Rosie Slater	Peg Bradshaw
Shirley Lipfert	Grace Hctor
Bob Burnside	Marge Donovan
Lenn Dockus	Jane Kerry
Ken Lachler	Pat Polsgrove
Dave Wagner	Shelly Sizemore
William Cavanaugh	Jeff Beck
Dorothy Bachota	
John and Noreen Metzgar	



Please contact the church office (854-9550) if you lost a family member or a friend in the 9/11 attacks. We are planning a special service for Sunday, September 11, where we will be honoring those who lost their lives.

Sympathy. . .



- Don Slimm upon the death of his wife Carol.
- Warren Stines upon the death of his wife Phyllis.
- Patricia Trevelyan upon the death of her mother.

Thank you...

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and visits from many. Special thanks for the support of the choirs, bell choirs and Friendship Bible Class.

For the past seven months, Carol remained strong, and together we were never happier. Debbie and Doreen and their families were very touched by the love and support from our congregation.

Special thanks to Pastor Alan for his visit and for the support and love of Nurse Nancy. We can't say enough for Hospice of Marion County.

With a song in our hearts, praise the Lord.
Don Slimm

COME AND JOIN US WITH YOUR FAVORITE
COVERED DISH
SING THE OLD HYMNS AND SONGS OF THE PAST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 5 P.M.
STANFIELD HALL

DONATIONS ARE ASKED TO AID THE ELDERLY
DISCRETIONARY FUND

PROGRAM DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

After 7 ½ years as your Program Director, I plan to retire at the end of September, 2011. As I look back over this time, I realize I have many people to thank for making my work here very enjoyable. No matter what the task, you have willingly helped to make our church programs successful both through your efforts and your ideas.

One of the true blessings of being on the staff at Ocala West is getting to know so many more wonderful people than would ever be possible in other situations. I look forward to serving Ocala West with you as a volunteer. God bless you all!

Jim McGrath

NEW MINISTRY FORMING AT OCALA WEST - BORN AGAIN BEADS™

Our first meeting will be Friday, September 23rd, 1:00-3:00 PM in room 105. Born Again Beads™ will be an ongoing small-group fellowship ministry of Ocala West UMC. We will be creating handmade beaded "SONcatchers" from donated and/or new jewelry for distribution within our church as well as our local community. No experience necessary! If you are interested in learning more about the "SONcatchers" or have beads or jewelry to donate, please call Jane Houldsworth at 352-861-2475 or Joan Cox at 352-854-7299. Help us spread the *light* of the Lord!

FINANCE COMMITTEE - DOLLARS & SENSE

INCOME / EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH / YTD

FINANCE INFORMATION AS OF JULY 2011

	MONTH	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE
Revenues	\$58,261	\$59,957	\$400,091	\$341,830
Expenses	\$56,962	\$62,275	\$384,817	\$327,855
NET	\$1,299	\$2,318	\$15,274	\$1,430

MORTGAGE INFORMATION

Received	\$14,493
Payment	\$10,249
Mortgage Reserve	\$27,600
Mortgage Balance	\$1,202,079

FURTHER DETAIL OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

OCALA WEST UMC COUNCIL MEETING

PURPOSE - The purpose of the church council is to plan a program of nurture, outreach and witness, implement the plan, provide an administrative infrastructure; align the plan with the mission of the church; evaluate the effectiveness of the plan; act as the administrative agency of the charge conference.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 15TH MEETING

- The meeting opened with a hearty welcome to our new Pastor Alan Jefferson. He presented the devotion and prayer to begin the meeting.
- The ministry moment was given by Lois Meredith, church membership. She reviewed her duties which she has held for 6 years.
- Denny LeGro, the Finance committee chairperson reported that it is budget time and committee chairmen should turn in their 2012 budget requests by October 1, 2011.
- Staff-Parish Chairperson, Larry Jones reported Jim McGrath is retiring as Program Director on September 30th. Interested candidates should submit their resume' as soon as possible.
- Jack Simms, custodian reported the church roof has been repaired and all leaks have been taken care of.
- Russ Adams, communications chairperson reported that the church web site should be completed by Labor Day.
- Joy Van Wickler, founder of the Children's Library, reported on the steps she has taken in developing the library, which is in commemoration of Joy's brother, James Eder.
- The council passed a motion to develop a committee to study Ocala West UMC vision and mission statements. A report will be made to council as to their recommendations.
- Carolyn Hausburg, Jubilee Committee liaison, reported the committee decided that each event should be tied to or correspond with a significant event for the birth of the church,; i.e., the first/real meeting of the Charter Members was June 7, 1987 so the first event should be June 2012. This makes so much more sense than just using the calendar year for event scheduling.

A copy of the minutes may be obtained a week after the meeting in the church office. The next Council meeting will be September 19 at 4:30 p.m. All church members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Brewer, Council Chairman

LIBRARY NEWS



Your church library is open all summer. If it's too hot to weed or walk, snuggle up to the air conditioner with one of our new arrivals. For mystery and quilting enthusiasts, we have a series of The Patchwork Mysteries. For sports enthusiasts, we have a couple of inspirational biographies. And there's more.

Patchwork Fiction:

Family Patterns
Time to Share
Muslin Mystery
Timeless Treasures
Homespun Holiday
Pieces of the Past
Threads of Truth
Secret in the Stitches

Kristin Eckhardt
Jo Ann Brown
Vera Dodge
Cara Putnam
Kelly Ann Ryan
Susan Page Davis
Kristin Eckhardt
Jo Ann Brown

Other Fiction:

The Parting
The Missing
Leota's Garden

Beverly Lewis
Beverly Lewis
Francine Rivers

Sports Biographies:

Through My Eyes
Quiet Strength

Tim Tebow
Tony Dungy

Non-fiction:

The Bishop of Rwanda
How to Hear from God
Letters to Sam
The Red Sea Rules
Readings from Your Best Life Now
From Start-up to Clean-up

John Rucyahana
Joyce Meyer
Daniel Gottlieb
Robert Morgan
Joel Osteen
Carol Treachler

Beverly Flynn, Librarian

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 a.m. Service – Lead Usher
Denny LeGro Team

11:00 a.m. Service – Lead Usher
Rupert Turner Team

TRUSTEES FOR SEPTEMBER

Mike Reynolds **Steve Lung**
861-8603 237-7882

Their responsibility is to be on call for emergencies and open the church for Sunday services and special events.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

School buses are set to start rolling again, snow birds are packing up their treasures for the trek back to Florida, and our Church Calendar is resuming its rapid pace. Likewise, the ladies of the UMW are anxious to get back into the swing of things!

We trust God will reward each of our students with tremendous success for their diligent efforts in study. We lift prayer for our traveling families that they arrive back to us safely, and we trust God will continue to strengthen our UMW - ever welcoming new members and new ideas. **Lord, cover us with Your feathers, keep us all in the shelter of Your wings; Your faithful promises are our armor and our protection. Ps 91:4**

A bit of a recap from summer events: All of the Circles have met informally during the summer break; some for a field-trip to their local mission(s) – some for the pleasure of each other's company – most for sharing a special luncheon together.

We offer congratulations and fond wishes to our summer brides; Donna Giardina (Mrs. Ed Wise,) Connie St. John (Mrs. James Dillman,) and Mary Black (Mrs. Bill Hawk.) May God continue to bless each of your lives and your partners, as well. We always have new Grandmom's out there; generally, too numerous to mention! Congratulations to each of you.

At our Unit Meeting in May, Rose Brewster, Chair, Eve Circle did a piece on Human Trafficking, an eye-opener to say the least. In August, six of our ladies attended a seminar on "Human Trafficking" at Trinity UMC, Gainesville – hosted by the NC District UMW, with Rosemary Uebel, Social Actions Chair, Florida Conference, guest speaker. While this is an enormous issue, which most of us know little about, happening right in our own back yard – we will make every effort to offer additional information later this fall.

It was my distinct honor and privilege to have been a Delegate for the NC District UMC, to our Florida Annual Conference, in Tampa this past June. Along with our charge of electing representatives to the General Conf. and the SE Jurisdictional Conf. – the real highlight was the incredible speakers from all over the state; Laity and Clergy. (We are so proud; one of our very own - Carol Mack-Harrell will be a Delegate to the SEJ Conf., yeah Carol!) The UMW was prominently represented, offering a well-done, beautiful booth – highlighting the Global Missions we are involved with. FL Conf. UMW President, Nelida Mora-Morales stationed herself right there at the UMW booth, welcoming visitors and answering questions – her speech before the Assembly was well received.

Behind the scenes – Our UMW Ex. Committee is working on the Slate of Officers for 2012, Bake Sale & Coffee Tent with the UMM Junque Sale in October, Installation of Officers in November, publishing a new Directory/Handbook and fundraising for December, and hosting NC Dist. Officer Training in January 2012. It appears summer break is of the past!

UNIT Meeting, Mon., Sept 26th – 9:30 AM – The ladies of Sarah Circle will host, refreshments in Stanfield Hall followed by our regular Unit Meeting & Program, Room 235 at 10:00AM. Mark your calendar, invite your neighbor along and come join great fellowship as we "Celebrate Our Purpose" together.

Serving Him,
Carolyn Hausburg,
UMW President

Parish Nurse HEALTH WATCH

Since we have so many new members and we are in the hurricane season, I thought I would review disaster kit and supplies that would be needed if we are visited by one of the storms. Florida has been lucky or Blessed so far, by not having severe storms for the past several years but that is when we become complacent. You might save the following information for future references.

Plan on having 3 or more days' supply of water, at least one gallon per person per day. Have a first aid kit that meets OSHA and ANSI standards along with a first aid book. (For those who have a Sam's card, they have a very good one for around \$20.00) If you have a pet, you might consider a pet first aid kit, for them, ex. meds their sleeping bed, toys, food water, leash and carrier for pets.(in case of evacuation)

When the warning goes out that a storm is likely to hit, pre-cooked, non-perishable foods as canned meats, granola bars, instant soup cereals, etc., should be stocked. Also dry milk, instant coffee, tea, juice, etc.

Have your insurance policy information and contact numbers in a water proof container.

If you have a baby in the house, all baby supplies, formula, bottles, pacifier, soap, baby powder, clothing, blankets, baby wipes, diapers, canned food and juices and any meds for them, etc. A suitcase ready to toss these things in if evacuated.

Paper or plastic plates, and plastic utensils

A non-electric can opener

Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel

One blanket or sleeping bag per person

Any heat source (camp stove, propane stove, sterno stove, etc.)

Portable radio and/or portable TV with extra batteries. Don't forget a flashlight and extra batteries and/or oil or propane lamp with fuel.

All your medications in a water proof container. Extra eyeglasses (or contacts), extra house and car keys.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER ABC MULTIPURPOSE

Cash and change. Seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes. Wash cloth, towel, bar of soap, comb, oral hygiene products, toilet paper per person, in case of evacuation.

One thing to remember, if you remain in your home, cordless phones will not work without electricity, cell phone batteries will run down, but phones with cords will frequently work when the power is out.

TO PURIFY WATER: BOILING IS BEST. BRING TO ROLLING BOIL AND KEEP IT SIMMERING FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MINUTES. IN AN EMERGENCY, THINK REGULAR CLOROX BLEACH. RATIO: 2 DROPS OF REG. BLEACH PER QUART OF WATER, 8 DROPS OF BLEACH PER GALLON OF WATER. OR 1/2 TEASPOON BLEACH PER FIVE GALLONS OF WATER. IF WATER IS CLOUDY, DOUBLE THE RECOMMENDED DOSAGES OF BLEACH. IMPORTANT, ONLY USE REG. BLEACH, NOT FRESH SCENT OR LEMON FRESH. MAKE SURE BLEACH IS FRESH, REPLACE YOUR STORAGE BOTTLE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

To make a sanitizing solution, mix 1 tablespoon reg. bleach with one gallon of water, If you purify water, be sure to sanitize the container before storing the purified water.

BANANAS: KNOWN AS THE # 1 FRUIT FOR ATHLETES. Research has shown that two bananas provides enough energy for a strenuous 90 minute workout. More on bananas next month.

Don't forget OWUMC will have our one day flu clinic on Thursday, Oct 13, form 9 AM to 9 PM.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY, BLESSINGS, NURSE NANCY



William and Joanne Ellis

11003 SW 69th Circle - Ocala, FL 34476 - 873-6325 - Oak Run

Joan Cox

9365 SW 89th Terrace, Unit E - Ocala, FL 34481 - 854-7299 – On Top Of The World

Susan Dean

8782-C SW 90th - Ocala, FL 34481 - 602-796-0318 – On Top Of The World

Jo Jefferson

9015 SW 94th Street - Ocala, FL 34481 - 352-212-0030 – On Top Of The World

Warner Malson

11668 SW 72nd Circle - Ocala, FL 34476 - 861-8318 - Oak Run

Jerry and Sue Milks

5911 SW 111 Place Road - Ocala, FL 34476 - 873-2113 - Whispering Pines

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A worldwide mission to introduce children to Jesus-

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **Matthew 19:14**. The Power of A Simple Gift. Packing a shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love.

Here's a quick guide for gift suggestions:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES include pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

TOYS include small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes

HYGIENE ITEMS include toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap wrapped, comb and brush, washcloth.

OTHER hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, funny sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, flashlights with batteries.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: chocolate, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, liquids or lotions, or vitamins.

Watch for our kick off! But please -- start collecting. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes. You can make a difference.

Thank you! Blessings,
Sue and Jerry Milks phone 873-2113

EVE CIRCLE will meet September 13, 2011 in the "Gathering Place" at 6:30 p.m. Barbara Ross is in charge of the program and the devotions. Call her at 854-4514 for any other information.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

The Singles Fellowship formed last spring but is always looking for new people. Join us on Thursday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m. in Stanfield Hall for a Pot Luck dinner. Get involved in one of the groups and enjoy the company of other singles in activities, trips, etc. Watch the church bulletin for updates.

COMMUNION HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Communion to the Homebound Ministry needs couples or singles to give communion to those who are not able to come to church whether it is a long term or short term health problem. We give communion the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be an orientation session on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 PM. We will go over the communion procedures and gladly answer any questions you might have. If you think you would like to do this but aren't sure, this would be a good session to come to. If you are interested, please contact Beverly Van Arsdale at 854-2495.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Christmas Cantata - Night of the Father's Love, The Awe and Mystery of God with Us

The choirs have been working on this wonderful Christmas Musical Celebration for its presentation in December. While it may seem early to focus on the cantata, choir members want to thoroughly know the music so they may focus on the interpretation and not the mechanics of the music. Choir members have expressed that each of the eight selections is more beautiful than the last. It is a wonderful experience and each and every one is encouraged to join us as we prepare, learn the music, and rejoice in the beauty of this blessed event. Please call Bob Williams - cell phone 875-6606.

Thank you to the members of the choir

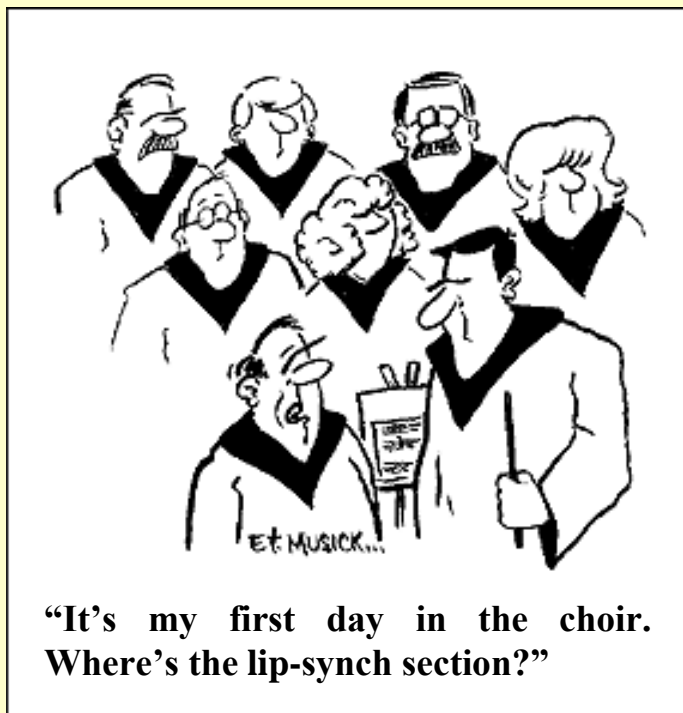
My family was away in North Carolina on vacation and the Ocala West choir continued to lead the singing during worship. Also, a special thank you to Peter Knapp for stepping in to lead the choir. Thank you to everyone.

Another wonderful year

The excitement – I can feel it as we begin a new year. We are so blessed to be at Ocala West. Thank you for the encouragement, prayers, and fellowship. It means so very much.



In Christ – Bob Williams – Minister of Music and the Arts



FAMILY MINISTRIES

September 2011



- Sunday School - Kick Off for the Fall Sunday September 4, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
- Promotion Sunday - a newly formed 4th – 6th Grade A curriculum filled with exciting activities!! Teachers are preparing for an exciting year.

After School Plus

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays
Starting Wednesday, September 7, 2011

3:30 - 3:45	Student Sign in and Snacks
3:45 - 4:45	One on One Student Time
4:45 - 5:15	Student Special Projects
5:15 - 5:45	Child Friendly Dinner
5:45 - 6:45	Kid's For Christ, Mid High Youth, Adult Class



Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ will resume on Wednesdays beginning September 7, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. A selected group of children will be invited to participate in chimes and the boys and girls choir. The children will participate in Bible study, organized games, crafts, music – including theory, singing, special musical events and special projects at various times from 5:45 - 6:45. Parents are to sign children out in Stanfield Hall at 6:45 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays as we grow in Jesus with Kids for Christ.

Back to School Bash for Kids

Thank you for donations, assistance and prayers for the Back to School Bash for the children.

Parents - How well do you know your child?
Kids - How well do you know your parents?

Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 - 7:30.p.m. in Stanfield Hall.

Look for details of Family Fun Night in the next edition of Windows.