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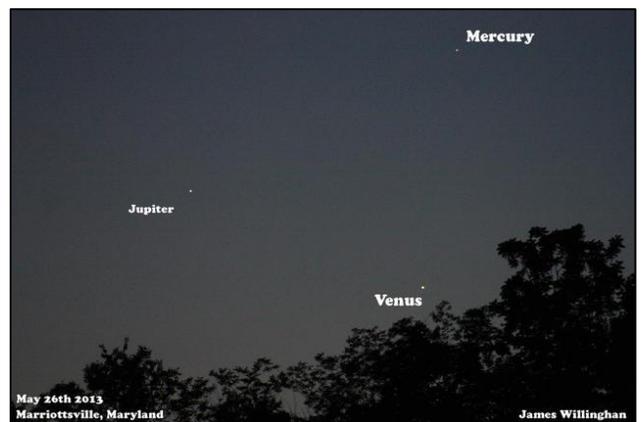
Tuesday, May 28, 2013

The last two weeks have been pretty intense for us all. Not only has there been much grieving for all of us to do, but there has also been much to do in support of the three families touched deeply by loss and grief in these days.

We have walked with the Gaines family after Veeda's death and resurrection; with the Jones family after C. B.'s death and resurrection; and tonight with the Sewell family after Laura's death and resurrection (Laura was the sister of Brenda Murray's friend, Terry Mitchell). I have been proud of the way we've pulled together to make things happen, particularly the two large repasts. Many thanks to the ladies of L.O.V.E., to the men of Men in Ministry, to the Choir, and to lots of other helpers for your hard work to cause things to be just what they needed to be.

These three funerals have come together rather like the planets Jupiter, Mercury, and Venus did on Sunday evening, when a fairly unusual triple conjunction of major planets took place. The conjunction was really quite striking, in nearly a perfect equilateral triangle.

The two pictures on this page are actual photographs; the larger chart that follows shows a computer-generated map of that part of the sky on Sunday evening. You can see the conjunction in the lower right of that chart, and you can see that all three cluster around the green line that represents the ecliptic. (The ecliptic is the plane that represents the apparent path of the sun across the imaginary celestial sphere. Most of the planets orbit the sun near that same plane.)



And with that, I'm going to sign off for this week. Thanks for your prayers for me during these challenging days.

Dave



P.S. Please remember the Greater Howard County CROP Walk THIS SUNDAY at 2 p.m. Registration will begin in the OMI parking lot at 1:30.

