

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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God in a Pond

Shortly after coming to Monterey I shared that I needed, for my spiritual health, to take times apart occasionally for discovering God in the solitude of nature. I was assured that the plateau offered many good wooded walking trails. Several folks suggested destinations nearby where they walked.

Larry and Edna Drysdale offered their

property in the cove, complete with a pond, as an easily accessible quiet retreat. I took them up on it a couple of weeks ago. As I walked around the pond, I was escorted some of the time by a small school of small fish troubling the waters whenever I moved. Perhaps they thought I was there to feed them, but it was I who was getting fed. The gurgle of the fountain refreshing the pond with oxygen was reviving my spirit as well.

Half-way around the triangle of water, I encountered more, larger fish. Three or four big koi (think goldfish the size of carp) lazed along just below the surface. Their black, white and orange patches of color were easily visible through the clear water above them.

I immediately thought of one of my favorite artworks by M.C. Escher, shown here. It is a picture of a fish under water, leaves floating on the water, and the reflection of trees rising on the opposite shore. To see clearly what is above, on the surface of, or down in the pond requires a slight shift of focus. All are there, but it is hard to clearly see all three equally at any one time.

I love this etching for more than its visually stunning image. In it I see a good metaphor for the three-fold nature of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians claim we believe in God "in three persons," but instead, usually envision God as three people, separate and distinct, but in a joint venture; a trio of board members in a corporation.

This picture reminds me that all of God is always present everywhere. It is only my shifting focus that sometimes experiences the Creator above me, grasps the Messiah enfleshed in human skin on my own planet, or detects the deep inner presence of Holy Spirit within me.

I went out hoping to find God in nature and there God was, waiting to reveal the Holy once again to such weak flesh as I. Where will God show up next? Wherever our focus shifts allow us to see Immanuel, God with us. Until then,

Peace, Tom

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Georgia Garrett
Ushers	John & Debbie Stott
Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers	Matthew & Clair Webb, Megan Moore, Kaelyn Harrison, Cody Dove, & Craig Raymond

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2013

By Our Gifts

2013 Budget income received	\$9,631.25
2013 Budget income needed	\$3,202.96
2013 Budget income weekly (over)	\$6,428.29
2013 Budget income year to date (under)	\$5,180.04

(Additional revenues and second mile giving)

Monterey United Methodist Church appreciates all who support the church and its mission.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Men's Breakfast	Sunday, October 6 th at 8:30am
Standing Stone Day	Saturday, October 12 th all day
TRUNK OR TREAT	Thursday, October 31st at 6:00pm

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Tuesdays at 9:15am – 10:00am
Cub Scouts #15	Last Monday of each month at 6:00pm
Garden Club	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am
Civitan Club	3 rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4 th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:00pm
Girl Scouts #1581- First	Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Discipleship Meetings	Fridays at 2:00pm
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Cottage Ministry	Fridays & Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm

CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year our Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary of Monterey United Methodist Church. This is an opportunity for all church members to meet and discuss our church and the plans we have made in our community with our District Superintendent, Rev. Max Mayo.

If you are a Chairperson of one of our Committees we especially urge you to be present to discuss your committees' accomplishments and goals for the coming year. You are also invited to add this information in advance by submitting a paragraph or two to be included in the Charge Conference booklets. The deadline for submissions will be October 15th.

MONTEREY'S OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. *(Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)*

- Rev. Tom Gibson (10/1)
- John Glyn-Jones (10/2)
- Dale Chaffin (10/2)
- Carolyn Peach (10/4)
- Bruce Heady (10/4)
- Blanche Hessell (10/4)
- Mary "Cissie" Davenport (10/7)
- Tommy Jones (10/12)
- Bob Cournoyer (10/13)
- Benjamin Wiggins (10/15)
- Georgia Garrett (10/16)
- Johnny Looper (10/17)
- J.T. McCormick (10/18)
- Cassie Powell (10/22)
- Pam Dunn (10/22)
- Matthew Sheffler (10/22)
- Jim Lifsey (10/23)
- Margaret Stephenson (10/28)
- Gerri Reese (10/30)

MONTEREY'S OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Keelan & Marcy Milligan (10/6)
- David & Judy Webster (10/12)
- Jim & Mary Jane Lifsey (10/24)

NOTE FOR THOUGHT FROM JOHN BARWICK
Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

NEW WEBSITE

www.montereyumc.com is the church website and has been updated for the church. If you have not visited it lately please see the new additions and let us know what you think in the notes section on the Contact Us page. Your new website will be updated monthly so be sure to check back often to see the news and events for Monterey United Methodist Church.

In His service,
Janet

Fall day at AGAPE Preschool



Our AGAPE Students with our new Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Diana Krzemien

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Patricia McCormick Tierney contributions were made to the building fund:
The Choir Members

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st. The streets will be closed at 5:00pm for preparations. The Trunk or Treat event should begin at 6:00pm. This is a huge event for our town and you are invited to be a part of the celebration. Please decorate your car in your best designs and come set up in the parking lot of Monterey United Methodist Church.

The Monterey Church of the Nazarene and the Monterey Baptist Church are also going to be set up for trunk or treat visitors also making this a fun event for the whole community.

If you would like to donate candy you may bring it to the church office. A bin in the hallway is designated for your Trunk or Treat donations.



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*The mission of Monterey United Methodist Church is to make
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.'" Luke 10: 5-6 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15a-Staff Meeting	2 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	3 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel	4 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	5 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 6 Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10 8:30a-Men's Breakfast 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	7	8 9:15a-Staff Meeting 10:30a-Garden Club	9 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	10 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel	11 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 2:00p-Discipleship Team meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	12 STANDING STONE DAY CELEBRATION in Monterey 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
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27 Joel 2:23-32 Psalms 65 2 Timothy 4:6-18 Luke 18:9-14 8:30a-Men's Breakfast 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:00p-Fellowship Luncheon	28 6:00p-Cub Scouts	29	30 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	31 2:05p-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-  Trunk or Treat		

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