

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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Knocking on Heaven's Door

A new United Methodist TV commercial asks the question, "What if church wasn't just a building, but thousands of doors, each of them opening onto a journey that could change the world; would you come?"

While we still claim to be the church of "Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors," it seems we are now focusing on other doors, or perhaps on the other side of the same doors.

There are many folks finding their ways to our doors, joining us in worship. Now we, and they, must open doors into ministry with others in this hungry, hurting and hopeful world. Some of these doors are nearby. Others are across the country and around the world, yet our open and connectional church provides ways to reach out far and wide to bridge those distances, making us all neighbors.

Knocking on a door can be the first step toward changing the world. Here in Monterey, we will soon join with neighbors in sharing the work of helping other neighbors in small ways with home cleaning and fix-up projects. Volunteer Day will get folks together to make the world a little bit brighter for our fellow citizens.

Through apportioned and designated connectional giving, United Methodists are involved in life changing projects every day, all across the globe. Some small needs, met, yield great benefits. An individual, class, small group or a single congregation can help defeat Malaria by providing mosquito nets. Digging a well where water is drawn from dirty streams can save many children from dying of dysentery. The Advance is a program of the UMC which lets contributors choose from many designated ministries and assures that 100% of their giving is dedicated to the chosen project.

Larger works are made possible by our shared denominational giving through Apportioned Funds. General Conference discerns a shared vision for reaching the world for Christ. By paying our Apportionments local congregations share in the living out of that vision. Methodists gathered behind all those scattered church doors pool their resources to focus on doing "greater things," as our Bishop McAlilly likes to say.

In the coming weeks you will hear more about the great works we are accomplishing together, as a congregation and a denomination, going from door to door, sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ. We have opened doors to welcome others in. Now let us go out to knock on others' doors and begin to transform the world into the Kingdom of God.

Peace, Tom

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist Edna Drysdale
 Ushers Michael & Teresa Targosz
 Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers
 Matthew & Clair Webb, Megan Moore,
 Kaelyn Harrison, Cody Dove, & Craig Raymond

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AUGUST 25TH, 2013

By Our Gifts

2013 Budget income received	\$2,918.95
2013 Budget income needed	\$3,202.96
2013 Budget income weekly (under)	\$ 284.01
2013 Budget income year to date (under)	\$8,503.64

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Standing Stone Worship Sunday, September 1st at 2:00pm
 Labor Day September 2, 2013
 Life Safety/Fire Safety for Seniors - September 4th at 5:00pm
Administrative Council September, 10th at 6:30pm
 Patriot Day September 11, 2013
 Men's Breakfast Sunday, September 22nd at 8:30am
 5th Sunday Luncheon Sunday, September 29th at 12:00pm

A Graveside Service will be held for Jerry Fowler on Tuesday, September 3rd at 11:30pm at Welch Memorial Cemetery at 815 Chestnut Street. Visitation for Jerry Fowler will be held at Goff Funeral Home from 10:00am – 11:00am

A Memorial Service for Joe Tolley will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00pm at Monterey United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

READING AHEAD In GOD'S WORD

Please note that Reading Ahead is now located on the calendar page. You are invited to study the scriptures listed for each week in advance of Sunday's sermon.

Opening for Church Groundskeeper

The Staff Parish Committee and Trustees are seeking a person interested in maintaining the church grounds. Grounds include the church premises, parsonage, and field. Responsibilities include: maintaining equipment, mowing, trimming, weeding, aerating and fertilizing lawn, eliminating weeds, tree branches or potentially hazardous items from sidewalks and applying salt to parking areas, stairs, and sidewalks as the weather requires.

To apply: Simply complete a Job Description/Application form expressing your interest in this position by Wed. Sept. 11th. Address applications to Pastor Tom.

Note: Applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview, the evening of Sept. 16th.

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

MONTEREY'S SEPTEMBER 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!)*

Sally Eby	(9/2)
Sandy Hart	(9/9)
Casey McCormick	(9/10)
Harold Broughton	(9/17)
Jeff Reese	(9/19)
Peggy Speck	(9/19)
Jenna Wakefield	(9/19)
Douglas Biggs	(9/20)
Chuck Talbot	(9/20)
Bob Eby	(9/20)
Theresa Godsey	(9/21)
Helen Lowe	(9/24)
Charles "Pokey" Looper	(9/25)
Joe Tolley	(9/26)

MONTEREY'S SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Edna Drysdale	(9/21)
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IN MEMORIAM

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

Wanda Thurmond
Linda Reese

IN MEMORIAM

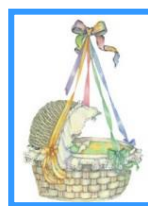
In loving memory of Pepper Dove, contributions were made to the building fund:

Pam Dove

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Joe Tolley, contributions were made to the building fund:

Wanda Thurmond



Congratulations to John, LeAnn & Annie Looper on the newest addition to their family. Kace William Looper was born on July 30th weighing 7lbs 12ozs

THE MISSION FESTIVAL



Tommy Hay brought his 4 Amigos for donations for hugs.

This year the Mission Festival was a great success. Thank you to all who contributed their donations and time. A HUGE thank you goes out to Bill and Mary Phelps for their organization of this year's festival. The Mission Festival raised \$6,277.18 toward mission work that will be planned in the next few months.

SAME MIND

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children...”

Ephesians 5:1

My Granddaughter, Sabrina, has an older sister and a brother. From an early age she has been a great imitator. Anything her older siblings were doing she would attempt in her own way to do the same. While at a beach diner recently, the family was waiting to be served. I removed my sunglasses and began cleaning them with a napkin. At a glance I saw Sabrina doing the same. It reminded me how others can look at me and imitate me as a Christian. Which raises the question, am I of the same mind as Christ? Am I compassionate, forgiving, humble and loving? Who is imitating me today?

Prayer: O Father, God, Lead me in the paths of righteousness that others may follow Christ. Amen.

Wanda Thurmond
2013



Ms. Louise Vail taught the children how to make applesauce. Austin was really “into” it

AGAPE PRESCHOOLERS RETURN



First field trip this year was to BenAnna’s for ice cream and to see Mr. Bill’s model train!

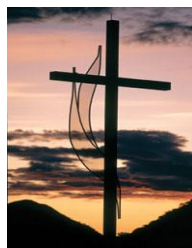
NOTE FOR THOUGHT FROM JOHN BARWICK
If you don’t think every day is a good day,
just try missing one.

United Methodists support apportioned and designated funds through connectional giving.

The first financial responsibility of churches and individuals is to support World Service and conference benevolences and other apportioned funds. However, voluntary World Service Special Gifts are a way to support specific educational ventures and social justice.

A World Service Special Gift is a designated financial contribution made by an individual, local church, organization, district or annual conference to an authorized project.

By combining several smaller gifts into one, as United Methodists we effect change across the world in the name of Jesus as well as affording change in our local church and faith community. The Connectional Table establishes project-approval criteria and determines the process by which projects are recommended and approved... For example:



The Current World Service Special Gifts projects includes:

- Africa University Endowment Fund
- Leonard Perryman Communications Scholarship for Ethnic and Minority Students
- Methodist Global Education Fund
- National Anti-Gambling Project
- Lay Missionary Planting Network

Thank you for your generous gifts in the name of Christ!

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Come worship with us at Monterey at 11am



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

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Monterey United Methodist Church

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"But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14: 13-14 (NAS)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Labor day Celebration at Whittaker Park	3 12:30p-Graveside Service for Jerry Fowler at Welch Memorial Cemetery 6:00p-Memorial Service for Joe Tolley at MUMC	4 4:30p-Girl Scouts #1581	5	6 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	7 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
8 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	9	10 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Administrative Council Meeting	11 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal 	12	13 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	14 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
15 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-12 Luke 15:1-10 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	16	17 9:15a-Staff Meeting	18 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	19	20 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 2:00p-Discipleship Team 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	21 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 12:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 (Bowling & Lunch)
22 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalms 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16: 1-13 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	23	24 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Civitan Club	25 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	26	27 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	28 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
29 Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31 8:30a-Men's Breakfast 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:00p-Fellowship Luncheon	30 6:00p-Cub Scouts					