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“THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT”

BREAKING NEWS! CHURCH CHILDREN RESPONSIBLE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE! The children of Monterey United Methodist Church have lead the way in giving to the church’s Change the World Fund. Inspired by the youngsters’ faithful, joyful giving, many adults have also contributed their spare change to the fund, claiming the vision that their small change can facilitate great changes in the lives of others in need. This notion was given the name “The Butterfly Effect” by chaos theorist Edward Lorenz, who suggested that the seemingly insignificant motion of a butterfly flapping its wings could affect the path and severity of a hurricane weeks later on the other side of the globe.

Our Change the World coin jar was recently emptied and counted, and the \$202.00 offering was sent to Heifer Project International. What can two hundred dollars do? A little over half of it buys a goat, which can give milk (over a ton a year), moving children away from malnutrition. Extra milk can be made into yogurt and cheese, and sold to provide money for schooling.

What else? Our contribution also was enough to provide a “Hope Basket, with 3 rabbits (2 girls and a boy) plus a flock of chickens. This means protein rich eggs and meat for the family and marketplace, as well as much fertilizer to feed the garden. And we’re not done yet! There was still enough to provide a hive full of bees, making honey to use and to sell, as well as improving the area’s crops through pollination.

These gifts will not only sustain the health of one or two families, and help them move from poverty to productivity, but can change the climate of a whole village. Each family who receives an animal agrees to give the first female offspring to another family in need, thus “passing the gift”, as Heifer calls it. By improving the lives of a few, we can grow hope in the many who will be blessed by these neighbors helping neighbors.

What other climates can we change? As we prepare for the coming winter cold, it is warming up in Africa’s Congo, and mosquitos are beginning to breed. Many of these carry Malaria, a devastating and deadly disease. Our Bishop, working with the UM Bishop of the Congo, have partnered our conferences for the elimination of Malaria. Many other Methodist groups are also working to end this disease.

A few years ago, Malaria took the life of one child every 30 seconds. By our collective efforts, we have cut that rate in half, which means now only one child dies every minute. Every minute!?! Yes, it is still a staggering number, but every ten dollars donated can buy one insecticide laden mosquito net to cover a bed, protecting one or more children from death hovering over them as they sleep.

Forty quarters; one life. How quickly can we fill the jar again? How many minutes and how many lives will expire as we work to meet the need?

Now, go, clean out between the couch cushions. Empty the car’s ashtray. Wherever coins gather, grab them and bring them to worship, where in a climate of joyful thanksgiving, for our health and wealth, we give God our praise and our partnership in transforming His world.

Keep changing for the better, tom

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor Tom’s Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie’s Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Cub Scouts #15	Mondays 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 9:30am
Girl Scouts #1581-First	Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Cottage Ministry	Fri., 9am-3pm & Sat., 9am-1pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Poinsettias are on sale at the church throughout November
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS November 2nd

(turn clocks back one hour)

Election Day November 4th

Deadline for Charge Conference paperwork-November 7th

Bible Study Thursdays, November 6th, 13th & 20th

(see article in this issue for more information)

Veteran’s Day November 11th

Garden Club BBQ Lunch November 18th at 11:00am

Community Thanksgiving Service

(on November 19th at 6:30pm at First Assembly of God)

CHARGE CONFERENCE November 25th at 5:30pm

Thanksgiving Day November 27th

Monterey Hilltop Chorale November 30th

Parade of Homes starting at 1:00pm

Concert at MUMC 5:00pm

FCE Bazaar & Craft Sale at MUMC December 6th

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS OCTOBER 26TH, 2014

By Our Gifts

2014 Budget income received	\$1,515.85
2014 Budget income needed	\$3,122.00
2014 Budget income weekly (under)	\$1,606.15
2014 Budget income year to date (under)	\$12,686.19

MONTEREY’S NOVEMBER 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!)*

Thelma Choate	(11/5)
Ray Higgins	(11/8)
John Barwick	(11/9)
Teresa Targosz	(11/10)
Kay McCormick	(11/12)
Novi Tolley	(11/12)
Pam Romines	(11/14)
Allie Powell	(11/20)
Katherine Capotosto	(11/20)
Carson Goddard	(11/21)
Linda Reese	(11/22)
Lilly Mae Bilbrey	(11/27)
Pauline Seese	(11/29)
Jane Hanson	(11/30)

MONTEREY’S NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Carolyn Peach	(11/10)
Ron & Victoria Williamson	(11/20)

THANKS TO OUR LAITY

On October 26, 2014, the following members of our Congregation participated in LAITY SUNDAY:

Bob Cournoyer	Cody Dove
Edna Drysdale	Frances Eldridge & Choir
Georgia Garrett	Jill Jones Lazuka
Clayton Pepper	Wanda Thurmond
Matthew Webb	Clair Webb
Victoria Williamson	

Each is a blessing to me and to the life of our Church. Thank you for sharing God’s everlasting love on this Special Sunday.

In Love & Service,
MaryJane Lifsey
Certified Lay Speaker/Lay Servant

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Ken Crandall
Ushers	Charles “Pokey” Looper & Judy Powell
Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers:	Anna Wiggins, Matthew Webb, Clair Webb, Megan Moore, & Cody Dove

POINSETTIAS will be on sale though the month of November. Please call Janet in the church office for more information on the pricing and to reserve your poinsettia for the Christmas season.

Bible Study: What does Genealogy have to do with the Gospel Truth? Remaining dates for our study are: Nov. 6, 13, and 20th. We will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall at Monterey UMC from 6 to 7:30. You are asked to bring your Bible and a smile. Nov. 6 we will review chapters 4-12. If you missed the first session and want to join us, please call Rev. Connie at the church office. We intend this be a time of fellowship and fun while growing in Christ together!
Rev. Connie

2014 RESIDENCY GROUP



Pictured are the commissioned clergy seeking ordination in 2015 as Deacons and Elders in the United Methodist Church of the Tennessee Conference. When holding required residency sessions, members in Residency meet at the assigned churches of their members. In addition to those pictured here there are three members not pictured ... one who currently serves in Atlanta, Georgia and another in Texas. The third, a young man who serves as Associate Pastor at Cookeville First had to leave early to conduct a memorial service. This group advised by Deacon Lisa Gwock is now in the 3rd year of their journey together. So ... here you catch a glimpse of those who are working faithfully to become ordained at the next Annual Conference to be held at Brentwood. I presume you can guess, this session was hosted by our Minister of Discipleship here in Monterey from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Oct. 9th.

AGAPE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS



Fun in the SON

GIRL SCOUTS #1581



Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. During bridging ceremonies, girls are honored for their progression and growth. This year we are honoring Stephanie Hull (*pictured on the far left*), who has completed her 3 years at the Cadet level and is now bridging up to the Senior level. Congratulations for a job well done!

In addition, we are welcoming three new girls to our troop. Welcome Molly Sparks, Alyssa Walker, Bella Reed and their families.

With love
 Vikki Williamson
 Patricia Hudgens

LIVING OUT THE ADJECTIVES

In his book, "**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**," UM Bishop Robert Schnase describes typical activities we expect of churches, but with some superlative adjectives attached that suggest going beyond what is expected; **Radical** Hospitality, **Passionate** Worship, **Intentional** Faith Development, **Risk-Taking** Mission and Service, and **Extravagant** Generosity.

To live up to each of these dynamic superlatives may require dependence upon the Holy Spirit to guide and energize our discipleship. Both our hunger to grow and our courage to follow will need Spiritual support.

Radical Hospitality, for instance, means more than being merely polite to visitors when they come through our doors. It means anticipating the needs of strangers, offering help instead of waiting to be asked, introducing visitors to others, sitting with them, inviting them back.

Hospitality, if it is radical, precedes the worship service to inviting others, and follows up after their visit. Ask this; is our hospitality modeled by the way we treat one another, and include strangers as friends, when we gather for work or worship as God's family?

How do each of the above superlative adjectives suggest to you that we might improve our collective Christian life, and in doing so, become more fruitful? In the coming weeks, through the harvest season, we will examine each practice in turn, reading scriptures, reflecting on their call, and responding prayerfully.

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, we will review Robert Schnase's "5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations," by reading scriptures, reflecting on them, and responding. Please call the church office for information on joining us in this study.

1. The practice of Radical Hospitality

Congregations that practice **Radical Hospitality** demonstrate an active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for strangers, helping them find a spiritual home and discover the richness of life in communion with Christ. *Radical* hospitality exceeds expectation, going the second mile, welcoming God's children into their spiritual home. Since we have received God's extravagant love we can freely offer it to others.

Read - Matthew 25:35-40

- Deuteronomy 10:19
- Romans 15:7
- Matthew 18:5
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- Matthew 22:9-10

Reflect - Recall the first time you walked in to this, or another, congregation. Did you sense God's grace in your reception? How, and by whom, were you welcomed?

Respond - Express your thanks, in person or with a note, to one who made you feel welcomed, or to someone you now see graciously receiving others with the love of Christ. Make a list of those who you could invite to come.

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I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:1-3 (NLT)

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