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“Yes You May”

Eric Clapton wistfully sings of how life would be “If I could change the world.” Brad Paisley, more jaded, admits “I can’t change the world.” John Mayer claims his generation is “Waiting on the world to change.” But then, they are all rich, famous grown-ups. Young Rilee O’Neill (who?), with a bunch of her kid friends (oh, them) sing, “Together We Can Change the World.” (*watch them here* - <http://youtu.be/qFy54NmYPyc>). Maybe world changing is a job best left to young, hopeful visionaries like her and them, and maybe us. Perhaps being optimistic and hopeful is what keeps us young.

Did you play, when you were young, the game called “Mother, May I?” May is the month for Mothers’ Day, and a perfectly good time to ask, “May I change the world?” What mother would not be proud that you asked, and be quick to give you permission? May offers several opportunities to ask, and follow up on, that question.

If Earth Day (April 22) got by you unnoticed or, un-acted-upon, you have another chance to do something meaningful this month. May 17-18 is Change the World Weekend. Many groups, civic and religious, from sports teams to church youth groups, school classes, employee pools, hobby clubs and neighborhood organizations, will turn out to tackle projects that improve the world around them in large and small ways. If you know of any needs around Monterey that you would like to see tackled, bring it up to your Sunday School class or a member of the Mission team. Maybe we can put together a work crew.

We have also set that Sunday, May 18th, as the date for taking the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering, which funds the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The crazy weather we had this winter may cause unpredictable storms this spring and summer, too. Having UMCOR stocked and ready means that when disasters strike anywhere in our world, we are prepared to respond with meaningful change.

By the time you read this, you may also have missed World Malaria Day (April 25) but it isn’t too late to do something about that. Bishop McAlilly is challenging all the churches of the Tennessee and Memphis Annual Conferences to raise \$1,000,000 (yes, a million dollars!) between now and Annual Conference of 2015, to educate, treat and to eradicate this killing disease. He would like us to bring our “first fruits” offering to this year’s Conference, June 8-11. Our “Change the World” small change offering jar seems like a good source for raising this seed money. Collect your coins through the week and bring them to church on Sunday. Let’s make the offering plates jingle these next few weeks, helping the kids who joyfully, hopefully and regularly contribute, to

see if we can’t save a million or so children in the marlarious world. It is a beatable disease.

We have begun the Great 50 Days, leading from Easter to Pentecost. As solemn and introspective as Lent was, this is a season to live vibrantly, with Hope born of the Resurrection. With the courage born of our conviction, let us work for change.

Peace, tom

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS APRIL 27TH, 2014

By Our Gifts

2014 Budget income received	\$12,971.80
2014 Budget income needed	\$ 3,122.00
2014 Budget income weekly (over)	\$ 9,849.80
2014 Budget income year to date (under)	\$ 692.55

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist Wanda Thurmond
 Ushers Sandi Vanacore, Ken Walker & Anna Wiggins
 Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers: Matthew Webb,
 Clair Webb, Megan Moore, Cody Dove, & Craig Raymond

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Trustees Meeting	Friday, May 9 th at 6:30pm
Mother’s Day	Sunday, May 11 th
AGAPE Graduation	Friday, May 16 th at 10:00am
Change the World Weekend	May 17 th & 18 th
One Great Hour of Sharing	Sunday, May 18 th
AGAPE Preschool Summer Break	May 21 st –July 25 th
	<i>(first day of the new school year begins on July 28th)</i>

AGAPE Preschool



AGAPE STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING THE SPRINGTIME WEATHER OUTSIDE

Blessings from Easter morning



WE ENJOYED A BEAUTIFUL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. WHAT A BLESSING FOR PASTOR TOM'S FIRST SUNRISE SERVICE AT EAGLES FLIGHT PARK.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We all have a Mother so today is a Happy Day. I remember Mama. She took great pride in working as an LPN at the Monterey Hospital,, Cumberland Medical Center and Standing Stone Center. That was 1951-1988. At her retirement she became a member of this church. As her health began to fail she asked to bring her love offering to the church, as meager as it was. On February 2, 2002 we celebrated her life in this church's sanctuary. While the family received visitors Mama's nephews sang and Guerry Teeple played Gospel Music. There was a country band singing and dancing just the way Mama enjoyed life.

Today is a joy for me to know that I can memorialize her name on our Memorial Garden Memory Wall. If you have a loved one you would like to remember on a wall plaque in our Memorial Garden please contact the church office or Wanda Thurmond (931-839-6039)

Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for earthly mothers. As we worship and praise you may your spirit fill us with love and care for the children of this church, our community and the world. Come Holy One as in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wanda Thurmond

NOTE FOR THOUGHT FROM JOHN BARWICK

When you think there's no hope, thank God for Grace.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you would like to be included in our church directory please send your name, address, email and a picture to the church office. We are compiling the pictures we have taken so far and plan to have this project finished by the end of May. If you would like us to take an updated picture for you please contact the church office for an appointment. Also, if you do not want your information published for use by church members please let us know.

MONTEREY'S MAY 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!)*

- Lynne Eldridge (5/1)
- David Webster (5/4)
- Dorothy Looper (5/5)
- Bill Phelps (5/7)
- Chec Stamps (5/13)
- Ashley Looper (5/16)
- I.W. Stephenson (5/19)
- Glenda Chaffin (5/19)
- Ron Williamson (5/20)
- Gary Peach (5/23)
- Kay Wiggins (5/24)
- W. T. Ray (5/28)
- Michael Mountain (5/28)
- Amelia Jackson (5/29)
- Regina Wiggins (5/29)

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor's Scheduled Day off	Fridays
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 8:30am
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	Fri., 9am-3pm & Sat., 9am-1pm

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

A representative from Bread of Life Ministry will be holding a clothing Give-A-Way in the MUMC parking lot on Saturday, May 17th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Clothing is gently used items and is free to everyone. Please come and check out what is available and bring a friend. *(In case of rain the event will be postponed until Saturday, May 24th at the same times.)*

Ferns/Lillies in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones

Ferns Provided by:

Rev. Tom & Vickie Gibson

Julie Sheffler
Lynn Connor & Ellen McPherson
Rev. Dickie & Thelma Hinton
Margaret Morales & Nick Potter
Keelan & Marcy Milligan

Richard, Suzy & Amelia Jackson
Darlene Greene
Byrnie Gilmore
Roger & Georgia Garrett

In Memory of:

*Gregory Scott & Joyce
Kathleen Gibson

Bill & Connie Johnson
Jim & Ella Williams
Moira Austin
Their Loved Ones
Susan Kirkpatrick,
Joyce McCormick, &
Richard & Doris Milligan
Their Family & Friends
Her Family
Loved Ones
Their boys, Toney &
Samuel*

Lillies Provided by:

David & Judy Webster
Rev. Tom & Vickie Gibson

Pam Dove
Lynn Connor & Ellen McPherson
Bob & Susie Cournoyer
Elora "Loie" Stringer
Janet Erskine

In Memory of:

*Margaret Webster
Joe D & Geneva Barrett
& Ed & Ruth Gibson
Pepper Dove
Jess & Helen Williams
Derek Cournoyer
Sally Coppinger
Steve Gelly*

Ferns Provided by:

Larry & Edna Drysdale
Richard & Linda Jensen
Al & Jeanne Bevan
Nick & Joan Axen
Ron & Vikki Williamson

In Honor of:

*Their Children
Their Family
Their Family
Their Daughters
Their Children*



CHANGE THE WORLD ... ONE STEP AT A TIME

Change the World weekend, May 17-18, challenges Christians to step outside the church walls and to get involved in their communities. The challenge is simple and direct. Methodists are to quit worrying about getting people into the church and to look at what opportunities exist to move people out of the pews and into God's service.

This year marks five years of United Methodist churches attempting to make a difference. In rethinking church, we are encouraged to consider holding community events where by we act as good neighbors. It is in helping persons to find hope that we begin to change the world.

Listed below are some tasks that churches participating in Change the World have done:

- Assembled relief-supply kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.
- Collected books or supplies for an elementary school or a homeless shelter.
- Provided back packs to fight children's hunger.
- Participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build.
- Supported youth or Christian school events or ministries.
- Been involved in a prison ministry.
- Held a brownie bake-off, a chili cook-off, a garage sale or carwash to raise funds.
- Joined an ecumenical walk for Hunger or to end a disease
- Landscaped a park or planted a community garden.
- Mowed lawns and completed other yard maintenance for those needing help.
- Prepared and delivered sandwiches for homeless people.
- Raised awareness of issues such as HIV/AIDS and human trafficking.
- Repaired cars for people needing transportation to work.
- Completed home repairs for others.
- Sponsored a health fair or Red Cross drive.
- Wrote letters or visited members who can no longer attend church due to mobility issues.

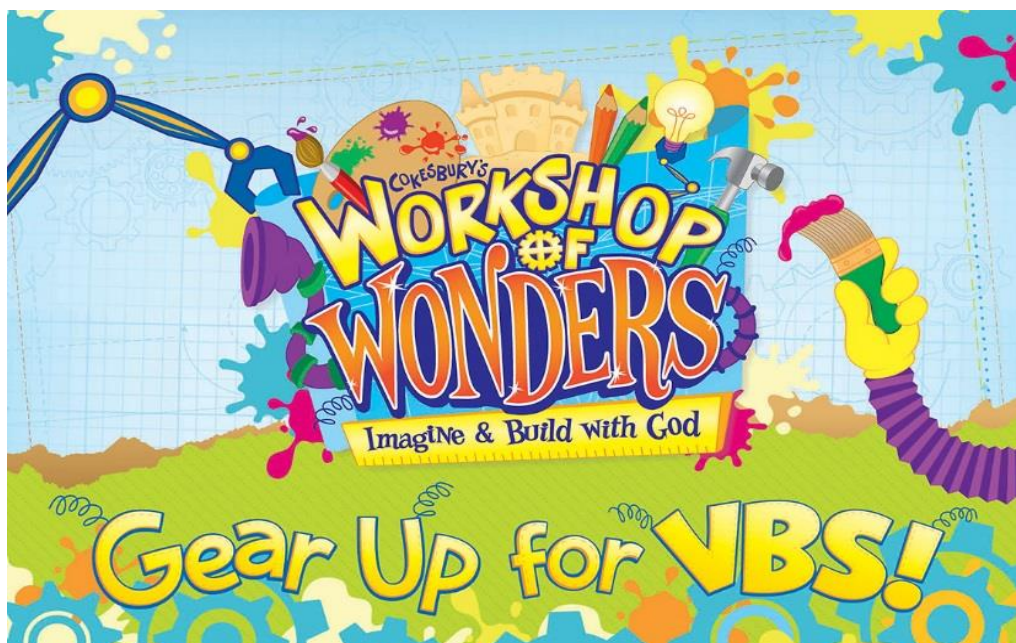
As we review how we disciple for Jesus Christ in May or any other month, we need to look beyond ourselves and outside the walls of the church as we are called by Christ to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Community Build for Habitat ... register for the May 10th work day

All members are invited to attend the dedication for the current Unity Build home on May 22 at 5:30 pm at 1855 McCaskey Court.
(see Debra Wolfe or Connie for more info or directions)

Rev. Connie Hall

NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST. OUR NEW LABYRINTH PROVIDES A PLACE FOR GUIDED PRAYER WALKS.



VBS at MUMC will be Monday, June 2 – Thursday, June 5

It starts with a snack supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by activities for ages 3 & up from 6 until 8 p.m. including an adult class led by Pastor Tom Gibson.

We need Volunteers!

Anyone interested in helping, please sign up at the church or contact Vickie Gibson at (931) 584-0025. Use your God-given talents to help reach children in the community. We need volunteers to make decorations, read stories, act out Bible stories, help with crafts, lead songs, play games, prepare craft materials, decorate the church for VBS, prepare and serve food, and donate materials.

Materials needed include:

Cardboard boxes of many sizes, cereal boxes - shoeboxes - utility boxes.

Paper Towel & Toilet Paper Cardboard Cores

Paper, solid colors of wrapping paper, tissue paper, & 8 1/2 x 11 paper

Solid Color Plastic Tablecloths – red, blue, yellow, green

Playdoh or modeling clay

Solid color balloons

Chenille Stems

Pom Pom Balls

Tempera Paints

Watercolor Paints

Empty Paint Cans

Stickers – flowers, plants, church, bread, fish, feet, Jesus

Pool Noodles

Colorful Paper Napkins

Aluminum Foil

Short wide plastic cups

Paintbrushes- different sizes

Washable Markers

Colorful Poster Boards

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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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When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2: 23-24 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel	2 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 2:00p-Discipleship Team 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	3 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
4 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	5 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale	6	7 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel	9 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 2:00p-Discipleship Team 6:00p-Trustees Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	10 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
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