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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY UPDATE

Hebrews 10:24-25 reads “And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” The gospel writers too call us to “love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves” which clearly denotes the extraordinary value placed on relationship, one’s relationship with God and with one another.

The Discipleship Team has been strategic in designing a model to effectively introduce Small Group Ministry and Bible Study into the life of the church. Initially, we have earmarked local mission as the unifying purpose for members to band together to extend the reach of the church beyond our walls. The added support of Sunday School members in actively inviting persons to join with them has seen an approximate 40% increase in Sunday School attendance.

The initial local mission project we have taken on is the take down and rebuild of a deck. Persons interested in taking part should note that following the church service, **September 7th**, Project Coordinators will hold an Informational Ministry Meeting. **September 19th** is slated as the on-site start date for this project which is anticipated to take 7-10 days. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Projects will begin and end with devotion and prayer. Lunch, snacks, and water will be provided. Should you have questions you can talk with Project Co-Coordinators, Larry Drysdale and Deborah Wolfe. Rev. Connie, who is acting as Case Manager, is already meeting to discuss future missions and is available as well for questions. Additionally, Deborah is serving as our Liaison with Habitat. We were blessed to learn that Monterey has 3 lots that may result in Habitat building projects.

Currently, we are confirming small group locations in the satellite communities of Crawford-Hanging Limb and Cumberland Cove as well as confirming possible facilitators for small groups and Bible studies. A training event for facilitators is being planned to aid in helping to make studies, church wide and group wise, effective, interesting, and meaningful. Smaller numbers simply make it easier for individuals to share their real thoughts, feelings, and questions.

Community contributes greatly to one’s growing in Christ and increases individuals strength and faith in God allowing persons to better face life’s challenges. In community, persons find it easier to relate, communicate, build relationships, and deepen their understanding, love, and

relationship with Christ, neighbor, and stranger. Our knowledge of one another and God is expanded when we intentionally and purposefully gather to engage in worship, bible study, mission, devotional opportunities, and prayer.

It is a sincere hope that as we introduce small group opportunities at Monterey following the biblical pattern common in Jesus’ time with persons meeting in homes as well as the church to share in the traditions of church, that members will step up and step out in taking advantage of these opportunities. As we grow in faith, it is likely too that we will discover our own unique God given gifts.

Living today in a society that often tears things apart, persons participating in small groups grow a sense of belonging, finding themselves genuinely cared for and built up rather than left alone in their circumstance, or lost to the world. Our hope is that participants will comprehend the significance of being part of a ‘connectional’ system as they grow to recognize how deeply they are valued, increasing their self-esteem and their respect for others. Individuals who become valued parts of a whole are aptly described when Paul speaks to ‘the body’ in 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. “...all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

In reaching beyond church walls may we carry God’s love into the world acting as disciples and in being Christ’s hands and feet.

Rev. Connie Hall

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Pastor Tom’s Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie’s Scheduled Days off:	
	Wednesdays & 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

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Luther Price Speck contributions were made to the building fund: Dorothy Ann Everett

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Labor Day (office closed)	September 1 st
Lay Leadership Meeting	September 4 th at 6:30pm
Cub Scouts Yard Sale	September 6 th at 7am-?
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	
	resumes Monday, September 8 th at 6:30pm
Memorial Gathering at the Courthouse in Cookeville for victims and families of 9-11	September 11 th at 6:00pm

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AUGUST 24TH, 2014**By Our Gifts**

2014 Budget income received	\$1,115.70
2014 Budget income needed	\$3,122.00
2014 Budget income weekly (under)	\$1,966.30
2014 Budget income year to date (under)	\$14,686.82

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist Sandi Vanacore, Linda Jensen, Marcy Milligan
 Ushers Linda Jensen & Sandi Vanacore
 Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers: Anna Wiggins,
 Matthew Webb, Clair Webb, Megan Moore, & Cody Dove

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)
Robert Eby	(9/20)
Theresa Godsey	(9/21)
Helen Lowe	(9/24)
Charles "Pokey" Looper	(9/25)

MONTEREY'S SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Edna Drysdale	(9/21)
Rev. Tom & Vickie Gibson	(9/30)

Open Letter to the Congregation re: Minister of Discipleship Ordination Requirements

Dear Members of Monterey United Methodist,

Time passes quickly! Believe it or not I will have been with you for 3 and ½ years in January. As a 3rd year resident, I am up for ordination in June, 2015. However, I have many tasks and requirements to meet by mid-November of this year. Two of these requirements are ones you can assist me in completing.

Task #1:

I am scheduled to preach my ordination sermon which must be videotaped and submitted to the Board of Ordination. Your attendance and support in attending worship **September 21st.** would be most helpful to me personally and professionally.

Task #2:

I am required to write and teach a 4 week Bible Study creatively addressing the Gospel of Matthew. No date is yet set for this study, but will be forthcoming. At least one session must be videotaped for submission to the Conference Board. Once I have firm dates, I will be asking for interested persons to participate. Please give thought to being involved with me in this phase of my journey.

If you have questions regarding any part of this process, please feel free to ask me to clarify.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve our God alongside you, the disciples of M.U.M.C.

Sincerely,

Rev. Connie Hall

Minister of Discipleship

COTTAGE NEWS

In August the Cottage hosted 135 visitors and conducted its first ever yard sale, August 2nd.

The Cottage staff wants to thank those church members who donated items for this event. Your contributions were greatly appreciated and helped to raise money that in turn is being contributed to the Church Building Fund. Monies earned in the sale, rounded up by the Cottage Staff, provided for a \$500 contribution to be made. A big thank you to – our 4 cottage volunteers, and all who donated, and supported the yard sale!

NOTE FOR THOUGHT FROM JOHN BARWICK

The love of God is like the ocean, you can see its beginning, but not its end

AGAPE PRESCHOOL



BRINGING NEW MEANING TO "HOUSE CLEANING"

NEWS FROM THE AGAPE SCHOOL

Proverbs 22:6 reads, "Train a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." I have always believed that this is basis for all education and especially the philosophy of the Agape Preschool. The Agape Preschool has been blessed for the past 5 years with wonderful teachers, students and parents. Our church has supported the school in countless ways with our prayers, donations and time. However, at this time the positive news for the Agape School that I am usually happy to report is not good. The Elgin Foundation in Knoxville has chosen not to fund the Agape School in the future.

I know that this information is upsetting for many but I feel that the future of the school is in God's hands. We have a peace that only He will reveal in His time. While we are waiting, please continue to support the school for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Please share with all your friends and neighbors that we have openings and welcome all that seek Him through attending the Agape Pre-school.

Your friend in Christ,
Vikki Williamson



AGAPE STUDENTS ENJOY MEMBERS READING TO THEM & MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE MONTEREY SENIOR CENTER.

UMC Market Case Settled: United Methodists Can Now Take Full Advantage of Newly Revamped Site

The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) recently settled a disagreement with one of the founding partners of [UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org). During the process, UMCmarket.net was developed so that the program did not cease operation.

In the settlement, GCFA regains full rights of UMCmarket.org, the online shopping portal for United Methodists. At www.UMCmarket.org, United Methodist shoppers can browse through and shop with a vast array of online vendors.

The process is simple: Log on to www.UMCmarket.org, create a profile, select the local church or other church entity you'd like donations made to, search for a vendor by name or category, click on the vendor page and shop online as you regularly would. When shoppers use this portal, each retailer has agreed to donate a percentage of the purchases to the local church or United Methodist group of the shopper's choice. Each time the total of donations reaches \$100, the church (or group) will be sent a check in the mail.

ZebraPlace, GCFA's strategic sponsor for the online shopping portal, has enhanced its marketing department and revamped the website. The current site should be easier to navigate. Joakim Richter, the CEO of ZebraPlace said "UMCmarket is committed to helping United Methodist churches fulfill their mission by providing an alternative method of receiving funds for ministry generated from online shopping. With our new site and the 'Easy Give Button', it's now easier than ever for members to sign up, shop, and generate a donation. We invite all ministries to share the process with their congregation. It's easy and free. Together we can see your donations make a difference."

For more information about the UMCmarket program, please contact Bobby Lee Smith, Manager of Corporate Partnerships and Philanthropic Initiatives at GCFA, 1-866-367-4232 (toll free) or 1-615-369-2407 (direct).

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Have a safe Labor Day



September 2014

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. *Matthew 18:15-16 (KJV)*

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	1 Office Closed	2	3 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	4 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Lay Leadership Meeting	5 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	6 7:00a-Cub Scouts Yard Sale 9:00a-Cottage Ministry Memorial Service & Visitation for Luther Price Speck <i>(please call the church office if you need more information)</i>
7 Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	8 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	9 10:30a-Garden Club	10 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30a-AGAPE Chapel	12 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	13 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
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