

# THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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**“HEART, HEAD AND HANDS TOGETHER”**

We are in the middle of an experiment at Monterey UMC, living out Christ’s Parable of the Talents, as found in Matthew’s gospel (Luke has it too, but refers to the talents as “pounds”). Last month at the communion rail over twenty folks picked up bags or envelopes with a pound of coins, or it’s equivalent in bills. Each bundle held from 10 to 20 dollars. Like the stewards in the story we committed to use the money in combination with our imagination and efforts, to try to grow it and return it to God.

One young artist bought a craft kit and fashioned a Christmas decoration to auction off. One adult couple bought space at a yard sale and donated all their proceeds. Another family bought produce in bulk and resold it by the pound, pound for pound multiplying the value. What are you doing with yours? We have a bulletin board to share our ideas on, by the office. Post your plan to jump-start another’s thinking.

The date set for us to return the fruits of our efforts is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22. This also happens to be Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, when we hail the return and reign of Jesus. We will have a basket to collect your “pound” offerings on the altar rail. But it is OK to return the monies sooner if you won’t be with us that Sunday. If you already have seen a return on your investment, feel free to reinvest it over and over, growing your return exponentially.

All of this is, of course, a challenge to raise as much as possible so we may do as much as possible in changing the world for Christ. But it is about more than just funding the work of our church. It is also a practice of full life stewardship. We tend to think our offerings are just in the form of money, but that is only a fraction of all God has given us. When we apply the knowledge God has put in our minds, and the interests He breeds in our hearts, to the resources he has placed in our hands, we can give back of our whole selves, finding satisfaction and enjoyment while sharing our love with the world.

This notion of shared ministry will also be a feature of Charge Conference this year, as all our sister UM churches gather on Nov. 8, from 3-6 p.m. at Cookeville First UMC. There will be time for reporting our work of the past year and our plans for the future with the D.S., Max Mayo, a shared worship service from 4-5 p.m., and a ministry fair to visit before and after worship.

This Ministry Fair will include a display from each church, showing some aspect of missional ministry they are engaged in that other churches might want to duplicate, or at least be inspired by. Ours will feature how we engage and serve our community through The Cottage and our Mission in Motion

teams. I encourage all of us to attend, to sing and pray together with our brothers and sisters across the county, and to mine some ideas for both church and personal missions, so we may continue to return to God with great joy all that He has put into our hearts, our heads and our hands.

Peace, tom

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. TOM GIBSON:**

*Jesus, The World, and John Wesley*

**Sundays ... 2:30 to 4:00 - January 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Register by: Jan. 1, 2016 - Mark your calendars!**

**MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING**

Pastor Tom’s Scheduled Day off	Fridays
Rev. Connie’s Scheduled Day off	Thursdays
Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Youth Group	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:30pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
Girl Scouts #1581	First Wednesday of the month
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am - Noon

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist	Mary Jane Lifsey
Ushers	David & Judy Webster
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:  
AT COOKEVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-  
November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00pm,  
join us for the District’s Ministry Fair**

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:  
Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at  
Full Gospel Assembly in Monterey**

**FCE BAZAAR Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in MUMC  
Fellowship Hall**

**PARADE OF HOMES November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

**HILLTOP CHORALE CONCERT November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

**A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS      OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**By Our Gifts**

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$6,049.50
2015 Budget income this week (over)	\$2,991.75
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$16,343.40

**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 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**AGAPE PRESCHOOL FUN**



**YOUTH NEWS:**



If you are interested in joining us for Warmth in Winter (January 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>) please meet with Ms. Frances on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to discuss plans for fundraising events. Parents and Youth are encouraged to attend this meeting together.

Also, we need to gather up items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes so we will have them ready to send out by mid-November.

Frances

*All Saints Listing for 2015*

<i>Cee Harvill</i>	<i>Marilyn Bornemann</i>
<i>Shirley Seiss</i>	<i>Betty Marsh</i>
<i>Lauren Sampson</i>	<i>John Lee Polson</i>
<i>Carolyn Hammons</i>	<i>Sandra Reynolds</i>
<i>Bill Press</i>	<i>Larry Bilbrey</i>
<i>Mary Key</i>	<i>Diane Cox</i>
<i>Beverly Press</i>	<i>Marianne Winkler</i>
<i>Ruth Dearth</i>	<i>Kendall Swallows</i>
<i>Roy Hall</i>	<i>Jordan Maxwell</i>
<i>Melissa Hargis</i>	<i>Mae Marsh</i>
<i>Mitch Garcia</i>	<i>June Howard</i>
<i>John "Jack" Talbot</i>	<i>Elvi Sanchez</i>
<i>Brandon Tyler Burke</i>	<i>Earl Steinmetz</i>
<i>Martha Ann Uffelman</i>	<i>Lee Lemming</i>
<i>Becky Sevilla</i>	<i>Francis Conley</i>
<i>Phina Bright</i>	<i>Frances Bean Buckner</i>
<i>Charles Rhoades</i>	<i>Franky Howard</i>
<i>Marvin "Sonny" Holloway</i>	<i>Bill Pugh</i>
<i>Henrietta Pierce</i>	<i>Georgia Hargis</i>
<i>Bob Houston</i>	<i>Rick Birchler</i>
<i>George Vaden</i>	<i>Libby Coolidge</i>
<i>Nancy Boman</i>	<i>Bessie Mai Allen</i>
<i>Daniel Melgar</i>	<i>Ricky Malcom</i>
<i>Matt Ragland</i>	<i>Bill Beach</i>
<i>Ruby Howe</i>	<i>Buryl Sawyer</i>
<i>Michael Brown</i>	

**NOTE FOR THOUGHT**

- Happy Moments – Praise God
- Difficult Moments – Seek God
- Quite Moments – Worship God
- Every Moment – Thank God

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Come worship with us at Monterey at 11am



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On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:6-7 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 1</b> <b>Set clocks back 1 Hour</b> <b>ALL Saints Day</b> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44	2 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	3	4 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel	6 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	7 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	
<b>CHARGE CONFERENCE 8</b> Ruth:3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 3:00p-Charge Conference at First United Methodist Church in Cookeville	9 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	10	<b>VETERANS DAY 11</b> 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel  6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel	13 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	14 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	
15 1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	16 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	17 6:30p-Civitanis	18 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel	20 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	21 FCE Bazaar ALL DAY 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	
22 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	23 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	24 6:00p- Standing Stone	<b>AGAPE OFF 25</b> 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	<b>AGAPE OFF 26</b>  Happy Thanksgiving	<b>AGAPE OFF 27</b> 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	28 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	
29 Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 1:00p- Parade of Homes 5:00p-Hilltop Chorale Concert	30 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	