

# THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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## "OF SHADOWS, SWEETHEARTS AND SACRIFICE"

For a short month, February sure is full. The almanac calendar says the first two, and last two days will be good for fishing. On Presidents' Day you can always go shop for a mattress. And then there are the holidays of the heart.

February 2nd, of course, is Groundhog Day, which commemorates our basic fear of shadows. And the 14th is Valentine's Day, which promotes slipping into the shadows with a sweetheart you love. Funny how shadows can be viewed differently when you live in fear or live in love. "Perfect Love casts out fear," says the writer of 1 John (4:18).

Following Valentine's Day, this year, is Transfiguration Sunday, on the 15th, when we remember how Jesus became blazingly bright to his disciples on the mountain top, revealing his glory, making Peter, James and John tremble in awe. Sometimes the light can be as scary as the dark, but like brave little groundhogs, they did not run and hide.

The 18th is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. This is the day, and the season, when Christians are called to look into the shadowy corners of their own hearts, minds and spirits, confess their sins and lay them out in the light of Christ. It is not fun. It can be fearful. It can make you want to retreat into your hole and hide. But, just like for the groundhog, that only delays the coming of Spring. Springtime, for the soul, comes when we turn from the darkness we deplore to face the one who loves us, trusting in that love to cleanse and cure, to welcome and enfold.

The light of Love makes the shadow lands easier to traverse. Looking into the face of one whose love you trust gives you courage to face your fears and shame. The first time ever I heard Roberta Flack sing Ewan MacColl's song, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," I knew this was a very human, very earthy love song, as sensual as the Bible's Song of Solomon. Yet there is a spiritual strength, too, in knowing the presence of the One who loves you so much that He would face the shadows of death to save your life. Such sacrifice as that might make your heart sing lines like; "The first time ever I saw your face, I thought the sun rose in your eyes, and the moon and the stars were the gifts you gave.... And I knew our joy would fill the earth, and last till the end of time."

Then again, you might feel more comfortable singing Helen Lemmel's hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, & the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory & grace."

May the light of his love enlighten your heart; see you through the shadows of shame and fear, and into the Springtime of the Soul.

Peace, 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 will now be meeting at Bethel Inn & Suites	
Civitan Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Standing Stone	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
Girl Scouts #1581-First	Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cub Scouts #15	Fridays at 6:00pm
Cottage Ministry	Fri., 9am-1pm & Sat., 9am-1pm
	(New Winter hours)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<b>SPRC Meeting</b>	<b>February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm</b>
<b>The Daniel Plan-Bible Study</b>	<b>Thursdays at 2:30 at MUMC</b>
Valentine's Day	February 14 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day	Monday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm</b>
<b>David Wells, guest Praise &amp; Worship Instrumentalist</b>	
(see pg. 3 of this newsletter)	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup> during worship</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>The Wesley Singers</b>	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup> during worship</b>

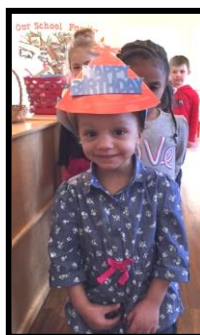
## A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

### By Our Gifts

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$1,223.77
2015 Budget income this week (under)	\$1,833.98
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$4,105.16

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Susie Cournoyer
Ushers	Jeanne Bevan & Edna Drysdale
Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers: Anna Wiggins, Matthew Webb, Clair Webb, Megan Moore, & Cody Dove	



AGAPE students enjoy sharing their birthdays with their friends at school.

**MONTEREY’S FEBRUARY 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!)*

- Nick Axen (2/2)
- Mary Phelps (2/2)
- Larry Drysdale (2/5)
- Dan Sheffler (2/5)
- Chris Mountain (2/6)
- Edna Drysdale (2/9)
- Tyler Draughn (2/9)
- Pam Gazlay (2/12)
- Julie Sheffler (2/13)
- Chelsea Buckner (2/14)
- John Boswell (2/17)
- Merrill Ford (2/17)
- Marion Barwick (2/18)
- Keelan Milligan (2/18)
- Jaclyn Wakefield (2/18)
- Lluanna Simpson (2/18)
- Ken Wiggins (2/28)

**AGAPE PRESCHOOL**



**CREATING WITH CLAY TAKES A LOT OF CONCENTRATION!**



**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of Ina McCormick contributions were made to the building fund: Kent McCormick

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of Luther Speck contributions were made to the Choir Loft Fund Frances Eldridge

**TN CONFERENCE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR RESIDENTS-**

**UP FOR ORDINATION!**



Striving to become more selfless are those persons pictured in this ‘selfie’ as they celebrate along with first and second year residents from both the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences at the Conference Board of Ordained Ministers Retreat held at Paris Landing in Buchanan, Tennessee Jan.11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. You might recognize the most mature looker in the group as your own Minister of Discipleship.

As your Minister of Discipleship, I thank you the congregation of M.U.M.C. for being with me in this enlivening yet challenging journey toward ordination. Many are starting to ask where I am in the process. Those you see in the picture are those who have held steadfast along with me these past three years. We all have an important meeting Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at Calvary United Methodist to get our final instructions for our BOMEK interviews.

I am scheduled for my interview with the Board on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Beersheba. Members of the Board who are conducting interviews will have reviewed all we have written and videotaped, formulating their questions and concerns. By the end of the week I will attend a meeting at the conference office where I will learn if I am viewed as deferred, needing to repeat this year, or if I am recommended for ordination in June. In completing this part of the journey, I ask your continued prayers and support! Connie

**NOTE FOR THOUGHT**

There is not enough darkness in the world to extinguish the light of one small candle. Spanish proverb

**PRAISE & WORSHIP INSTRUMENTALIST**  
**February 15<sup>th</sup>**



- David was raised in church all his life, his father being a full time minister (retired)
- David has shared the platform w/ Gerald Albright, Kirk Whalum, Peter White, Warren Hill, Kim Waters and many more...
- David, CEO/Founder of Chocolate Jazz Foundation, helps keep the music programs healthy & strong in the private & public schools
- David is the founder of "Vienna Rib & Jazz Festival & Mt. Juliet Rib & Jazz Festival (Nashville)
- David has been married for 24 years and has two kids
- David has a two hour "National Syndicated Radio Show
- July 2014 David released his 14<sup>th</sup> CD "Breakin Out"
- David's single "Never Giving Up" from his "No Side Effects CD" was the #1 Most Added single across the country, and #1 single with most plays.
- David's latest single "Never Giving Up" has been in the top 20 on the National Jazz Charts for 33 weeks!
- David's CD "Friday Afternoon" was on the Entry Ballot for 51<sup>st</sup> Grammy "Best Pop Instrumental" Album

*As of today I've been in the process of moving to Nashville, Tn. Since August of 2014 I've been commuting back and forth to Nashville, at least until my family is able to move to Nashville. I ask that you pray that I'll continue to find favor in Nashville.*

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/DavidWells0](https://twitter.com/DavidWells0)

**Web Site:** [www.dwmusic.org](http://www.dwmusic.org)

**THE WESLEY SINGERS WILL BE**  
**AT MONTEREY UMC ON FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**THE WESLEY SINGERS** - Our official choir where all singers and non-singers are invited to join! We meet to practice on 7pm on Wednesdays after the Holy Communion service. On Sunday mornings, we meet at Wesley to travel to sing at local UMC churches in the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, usually in the Cookeville District. We take a choir retreat every fall to a member's church for a weekend to practice and get our music ready to perform throughout the year. At the end of the year, we tour a major city and sing at nursing homes, rescue missions, homeless shelters, and churches. Some cities we've recently toured: Chicago, Baltimore, St. Louis, and New Orleans.



**The Wesley Foundation** is the United Methodist Campus Ministry for Tennessee Technological University. Our primary purpose is to provide participants with opportunities to question, explore, and mature in their faith. Small groups, worship experiences, and the fine arts are used to broaden experiences and to allow the Christian faith to be the guiding force of their lives.

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**COTTAGE NEWS:**

Cottage staff has engaged 190 visitors in January. In addition, staff wishes to extend appreciation for the many donations of children's clothes that we've received. For those considering donating to our ministry, we are in need of both household items and summer clothes. Please know ... our door is open to one and all, and we hope if you have not paid a visit recently that you will stop by in the near future.

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**MONDAY – FRIDAY • 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Free Breakfast & Lunch**

**Served Daily**

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**REGISTER TODAY**

**Information available in Methodist Church Office**

**931-839-2597**

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**Lunes – Viernes 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Desayuno & Almuerzo Gratis**

**Servido Diariament**

**Niños 2 ½ - 4 años**

**REGÍSTRESE HOY**

**Información disponible en la Oficina de Iglesia Metodista**

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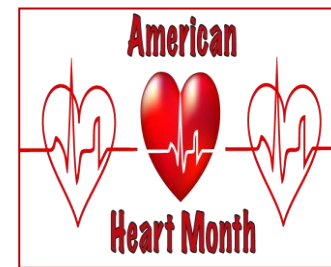
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Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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# Monterey United Methodist Church

## February 2015



Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. Psalm 111:1-4 (KJV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 2:30p-The Daniel Plan 6:30p-SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry</p>
 <p>Boy Scout Sunday 8</p> <p>Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 2:30p-The Daniel Plan</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:291 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a- Worship Service Instrumentalist- David Wells</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00p-Civitan's</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Ash Wednesday Service</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 2:30p-The Daniel Plan</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry</p>
<p>The Wesley Singers 22</p> <p>Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00p-Standing Stone</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 2:30p-The Daniel Plan</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00a-Cottage Ministry</p>



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