

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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“VISIONS, DREAMS, AND PROPHECIES”

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.’ (Acts 2:17, NRSV)

We are coming up on the season of Pentecost, a turn in the church year, from a focus on Jesus’ physical ministry on Earth, to the Holy Spirit’s ministry through the body of believers. It is time for the heart of Christ to move through the hands of humans to do the works of God. This work must involve all of us, and challenges us to act in ways we have not before. As Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost declares (*cited above*) the young and the old, male and female together, are to be included; dreaming with God, seeing God’s vision, announcing (*prophesying*) God’s movement is not limited to a few.

We at Monterey UMC have, in the past year, become missionaries at home by aiding neighbors to repair, improve, and most recently, to build their homes. And we can do more. What is Christ’s dream of a transformed world, if not a place in which every child of God has a place prepared for them?

We are in the early stages of building a new Youth Ministry, for today’s and tomorrow’s young people to connect with the timeless God of the Ages. But it is not for the young alone to achieve this. We will need the help of church members of all ages, sharing the good news and good works with the young of our community. They need prayer partners, mentors, co-laborers with Christ walking beside them. How is God calling you into this vision? Where do you see your place in this vision?

We have been praying for some time now, asking God to show us how we might keep Agape Pre-School open and serving the needs of our youngest neighbors and their families. Just now, we are beginning to see signs of hope, glimmers of interest, offers of help, but more is needed. Where is God pointing, leading? What tools has He given us?

Here is where we need to be bold, creative and imaginative in seeking solutions. Some individuals have offered generous donations. Alone, they are not enough, but perhaps some matching grants might be available, if bold voices will speak out to our need, with prophetic calls to rise to God’s service. Before, a single source grant began the program. Might the answer now be a multitude of small acts of servanthood, rather than a large single one? It is a new age, with new ways of communicating. Social media gets the word out faster and farther than ever. If a cry for aid was posted via e-mail, across Facebook and other such networks of “friends”, how many might answer?

Peter preached out of a body of believers numbering 120 or so. Three thousand responded to the vision and the Church

was born. If our little congregation spoke as one, but in voices many different groups might hear and own, how many might join us, in dreaming new dreams, catching the vision God has planted here, reaching out across all barriers of class and language, to see the gospel of Love bloom again?

No one of us can do it all, but God never asks that. If each invites another into the work of imagination, vision and proclamation, together we become the body, walking, talking, loving and serving as Christ to a hurting world.

Please join us.

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
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	1 st Wednesday each 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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Spring on the Mountain in Monterey	May 2nd
Cottage Yard Sale & MUMC Plant Sale	May 2nd
Wesley Singers are rescheduled	Sunday, May 3rd
Finance Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 7th at 2:00pm
YOUTH MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT	May 8th at 6:00pm
Mother’s Day (Communion Scheduled)	May 10th
Monterey High School Graduation	May 16th at 4:00pm
<i>(Our graduates will include Matthew Webb & Cody Dove)</i>	
Youth Sunday School (new time)	May 17th at 12:15pm
Administrative Council Meeting	May 19th at 6:30pm
Wilson Elementary School Graduation	May 21st at 6:00pm
<i>(Our graduate will be Megan Moore)</i>	
Memorial Day	May 25th
AGAPE Graduation	May 15th at 10:30am

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Mary Jane Lifsey
Ushers	Bob & Sally Eby
Youth Liturgists, Acolytes, and Ushers:	Anna Wiggins, Matthew Webb, Clair Webb, Megan Moore, & Cody Dove

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS **APRIL 26TH, 2015**

By Our Gifts

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$12,127.00
2015 Budget income this week (over)	\$9,151.25
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$6,012.28

THE WESLEY SINGERS



THE WESLEY SINGERS HAVE BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3RD DUE TO THE ICE STORMS. PLEASE COME AND HEAR THIS WONDERFULLY GIFTED GROUP SHARE THEIR MUSIC WITH US AND ENJOY A FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

COTTAGE NEWS

The Cottage donated \$150 to this year's Project Graduation at Monterey High School. It is a blessing to be able to support the youth of our community. Thanks to the persons who frequent our little store we are able to contribute back to our Community. This month with people obviously engaged in spring cleaning we have had a great number of persons make donations; we thank all those who have provided us with items to sell. Approximately 130 persons visited the Cottage in April and we look forward to those who will join us in May. **Please come visit us on May 2nd for our yard sale!**



PICTURED HERE ARE: REV. CONNIE HALL; CALLIE LANE, PROJECT GRADUATION; BECKY CHANDLER PROJECT GRADUATION; DEBORAH WOLFE, COTTAGE COORDINATOR.

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!)*

David Webster	(5/4)
Dorothy Looper	(5/5)
Bill Phelps	(5/7)
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)

YOUTH NEWS:



Our Youth Program now has a calendar of events and their own place in our Circuit Writer to communicate their activities.

We hope to highlight our Youth on their spiritual journey and ask our church and community for their prayerful support.

MAY EVENTS

Movie & Pizza Night May 8th at 6:00pm

All Youth in the Monterey Community are invited

High School Graduation May 16th at 4:00pm

Our Graduates include Matthew Webb & Cody Dove

Youth Group (*new starting time*) May 17th at 12:15pm

Wilson Middle School Graduation May 21st at 6:00pm

Our Graduate will be Megan Dove

-Congratulations to **Stephanie Hull** for her honors in Girl Scouts and assisting in bringing glass recycling to the Town of Monterey.

-The new meeting time for our Youth Group will be immediately following worship on Sundays. Lunch will be provided. We will be enjoying bible study and activities together.

Please check the Youth section in your monthly Circuit Writer for upcoming events and scheduling for our Youth Group. We encourage church members to get involved with our youth.

AGAPE STUDENTS...



ENJOYING THE NICE SPRING DAY AT WHITTAKER PARK



JULIE BOHANNON READS TO AGAPE STUDENTS WHEN THEY VISITED THE DEPOT MUSEUM IN MONTEREY

NEWS FLASH:

Our AGAPE Preschool has found funding for another year. Praise God and Thank You all for all your prayers. Also, thanks to a generous and caring community of sponsors who have made this all possible.

Please continue your prayers and monthly contributions. This month's needs are small plain children's toothbrushes and children's toothpaste. Remember, every little prayer and item donated makes a big difference.

GIRL SCOUTS #1581

Stephanie Hull and Faith Walker will be traveling to Nashville on May 3rd to receive their Silver Awards. This Silver Award is the highest honor a Scout Cadet is able to earn. This award demonstrates leadership, organization, determination and love of their community. These girls are responsible for your ability to have Glass Recycling here in the town of Monterey. Congratulations girls for a job well done.

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

Speak well of your enemies, after all, you made them.

HABITAT OF HUMANITY: A MONTEREY BUILD

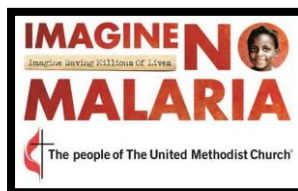


In April a Monterey United Methodist Team participated in working on the house being built locally through Habitat for Humanity. Dawning their good will and readying to be God's hands and feet were: Deborah Wolfe, our Habitat Coordinator, Priscilla Ford (*not pictured here*), Mary Bennett, Pastor Tom and Vickie Gibson.

Though we sometimes are asked to participate on certain work days, Habitat is appreciative of your offer to work independent of your group as well. If you would like to participate and want to know more ... please contact Deborah Wolfe for information, dates, and upcoming opportunities.



MARY BENNETT HELPS GIVE BACK TO HER COMMUNITY



Please come out on May 2nd to the Cottage Yard Sale and MUMC Plant sale. Buy a mosquito repellant plant for Mother's Day and help save another Mother's child from this

deadly disease. We can all do our part to help save lives.

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She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Proverbs 31:25-30 (NIV)



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