

# THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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**“HOME”**

“Home is what you go back to. Home is where you set out from.” This twofold claim, that Home is both origin and destination frame up how most folks feel when the word “home” is mentioned. For church folk, especially, there is comfort in knowing that God guides both our venturing out and our safe return. Psalm 139 claims, of God, “Thou hast known my sitting down, and my rising up, Thou hast attended to my thoughts from afar.” There are times when those afar need to come, sit down and refresh, that they may rise again renewed for God’s work. Homecoming means renewal. It is a time to look back, with gratitude to God, on all the blessings we have enjoyed these six score years. It is also time to reassess where we are and where we are going from here.

“Home is what you go back to.” To celebrate our storied past, we will hold a Homecoming Celebration Service on Sunday, October 18th. We want to invite all who may be connected with the church, even if far away. Patsy King is heading up a committee to collect addresses for invitations. If you know someone whose roots are here and might like to come, let Patsy know. Invite friends and neighbors you know nearby, as well. I have commissioned a theatrical re-enactment of our beginnings from the good mayor of our fair city, to be performed during the worship service. After worship there will be a celebration meal, headed up by Edna Drysdale, because, you know, we’re Methodists, and some afternoon entertainment as well, perhaps a singing group. If you know of one, please contact me with information about them.

A recent letter from Rev. Charles Poole, at the TN Conference UMC Archives, reminds me that much of our church history is being lost to the coming generations from lack of records. He asked that churches provide both current and past photos of buildings, pastors and members, as well as samples of bulletins and stories of memories about our past. It seems an appropriate time to amass such a collection. If you have old pictures, stories or records to share, please bring them into the church office. We will put together a display for Homecoming, and then submit the package to the Archives. If you want to keep originals, we can make photocopies to send in. Please mark your submissions with your return information, to insure we get all things back to those who loaned them.

“Home is where you set out from.” To keep our aging facility useful to God for years to come, that we may continue “rising up” and “setting out” into the mission work of transforming God’s world, we need to provide for maintenance and improvements to the historic site. So the

Saturday of Homecoming weekend, Oct. 17th, we will do some fund raising activities. Deborah Wolfe is going to be heading up a community yard sale down in our field and side parking lot. If you would like a secure a space for your wares, see Deborah. The Cottage will be organizing a Bake Sale for the same date. We may have some additional activities as well. A silent auction has been suggested for during the Sunday meal time. If you have, or can obtain, some nicer items to include in that, let the office know. Some historical items might make good additions, too.

Let’s come together with praise and thanksgiving, celebrating our origins, and plotting our future, assured God will guide in all things we offer to Him. 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
Youth Group	Sundays at 10:00am
Staff Meeting	Mondays at 9:15am – 10:30am
Monterey Hilltop Chorale -Rehearsals begin	September 14 <sup>th</sup>
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 8:30am
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

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist	Linda Jensen
Ushers	Nick & Joan Axen
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- CULTURE OF POVERTY, bible study on Thursdays at 6:00pm  
*(for specific dates please refer to the calendar in this newsletter)*
- LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>
- YOUTH GAME NIGHT (ADULTS INVITED)  
SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM
- FINANCE COMMITTEE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM
- HOMECOMING CELEBRATION-  
*be looking for events to come in October*

**A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**By Our Gifts**

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$3,057.75
2015 Budget income received last week	\$7,826.30
2015 Budget income this week (over)	\$4,768.55
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$15,779.30

**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)
Tom & Vickie Gibson	(9/30)



**Lessons from Noah's Ark**

Everything I need to learn from life I learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit, when you are six hundred years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

*Submitted by Margaret Morales from a newspaper clipping*

**YOUTH NEWS:**



We appreciate the efforts of the parents and Youth that are attending our Youth Group meetings. The time for our meetings is **10:00am on Sunday** mornings. We look forward to our time together as we learn and grow in Christ.

Please invite your classmates & neighbors to join us for our **Youth Game Night** (*adults are also welcomed to join us*) which we have scheduled for **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**  
 Frances

**DISCIPLESHIP STUDY:** Join Marcy Milligan to gain insights to poverty and the Christian response.

**Study: The Culture of Poverty... offered Thursdays: Sept. 3, through 24<sup>th</sup>. Please register by August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Location: Monterey United Methodist Church**

**To register call the Church Office: 931-839-2597 and ask to speak with Rev. Connie.**

**HOMECOMING EVENT**

As everyone probably knows we are celebrating! What a wonderful reason to come together! Our church is 120 years old! We have a whole weekend being planned but for now here is what we know, we have planned to hold a Flea Market on Saturday. Our plan is to fill the parking lot and the green space too. We need your help to help to get the word out that we have space to rent. Vendors will be available for selling food, we will have entertainment and much more fun to come! We also invite everyone who can to donate an item to a silent auction to be conducted while we enjoy a meal together after church. Please contact me for details and as always, God is good.  
 Deborah



THANK YOU DALE WELCH FOR THE PICTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION

**NOTE FOR THOUGHT**

Keep your head up. God gives his hardest battles to His strongest soldiers.

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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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



# Monterey United Methodist Church



## September 2015

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the LORD will take up their case and will exact life for life. Proverbs 22: 1-2 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #1581 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	8:30a-AGAPE Chapel <b>6:30p-Bible Study – The Culture of Poverty</b>	9:00a-Cottage Ministry	9:00a-Cottage Ministry
6	Office Closed 7	8	9	10	<b>Patriot Day</b> 11	12
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:15p-Youth		9:15a-Staff Meeting	8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	8:30a-AGAPE Chapel <b>6:30p-Bible Study – The Culture of Poverty</b>	9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15 	9:00a-Cottage Ministry <b>6:00p-YOUTH GAME NIGHT</b> (Adults welcomed also!)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:8 Mark 9:30-37 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:15p-Youth	9:15a-Staff Meeting <b>6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</b>	6:00p- Standing Stone	8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	8:30a-AGAPE Chapel <b>6:30p-Bible Study – The Culture of Poverty</b>	9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	9:00a-Cottage Ministry
27	28	29	30	<b>SERMONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER</b>		
Esther 7:1-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a- Worship Service 12:15p-Youth	9:15a-Staff Meeting <b>6:30p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal</b>		8:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	All the September preaching will begin with the weekly readings from the Book of James (see Sunday’s readings on this calendar). It is suggested that you read the whole letter. It isn’t long. Also, each sermon will connect to one of the phrases found in this focus verse; “He has told, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) What does James have to say about what we love, what we do, and how we walk?		