

THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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“THROW-IN THURSDAY”

Thursday is Chapel Day at Agape Preschool. We gathered in the sanctuary and shared a story about Elijah, how he went to a widow and her son asking for bread and water. Though they had only enough supplies to make one last loaf, they shared. Then God replenished their oil and meal, day by day for the next 3 years. Message - When people trust God and share, needs get met and folks get by.

To bring the message home, I would share that a friend of the church (our own local Methi-Boo; sometimes she leans Methodist, sometimes Buddhist) had brought by a stuffed Bear to give the kids. It had been donated to her group for fundraising but was not suitable and therefore destined to the dump. But no, she said, she knew a preschool who would love to have it, and shared. Seeing the kids and bear in a group hug was priceless.

Then I went to Cookeville to meet the Second Harvest truck. Twice a month it comes, distributing food to agencies in food help programs. The food has been donated by stores, near the end of shelf life, rather than being thrown into the dumpster. Since we serve food at Agape, we get to take part, supplementing the pantry for school meals, and sometimes getting extras to send home with the kids.

Not long ago a group of church members, meeting around a breakfast table decided to expand that ministry, making up bags of groceries for a number of families around town. Contacts were made by Rev. Connie, Marcy Milligan and Deb Wolfe, with folks they had come to know through church, school, and The Cottage (our church’s little “boutique” thrift shop), a dozen or so households. So on this trip I filled the van with all it would hold of all the truck had to offer and brought it back.

The man (*mostly woman*) power of sorting packing and distributing the goods was shared with Vickie Gibson, Marcy and Deb, with an assist from our favorite neighbor across the street, Mrs. Cianci, a.k.a “Jean the Baptist”. All told, 24 households received a little extra help in feeding their families this week, and a handful of friends and neighbors shared the joy of making it happen. A timid request by one of the group of a local merchant to donate a couple dozen bags so we could sort and pack loose veggies, resulted in the gift of a couple hundred big bags. Thanks, Dollar General.

It sort of sounds like the set-up to a joke; A Buddhist, a Baptist, and some Methodists walk into a school, a church, a store and a parking lot..... The end of the story is some kids get the giggles, some neighbors are grateful and some stomachs and hearts are filled with the joy of what happens when we share, just like Elijah, the widow and her son. Less stuff gets thrown out, fewer folks feel left out, some praises get sung out, and bit by little bit, the world gets transformed, into something a little

bit more like the Kingdom of God. Bravo.

So what do you have access to that someone else could use? What needs surround you that you could help attend to? In what ways can you bring transformation? I encourage to look around for the opportunity. Sharing makes God happy, and is really fun. Peace, tom

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. TOM GIBSON:

Jesus, The World, and John Wesley
Sundays ... 2:30 to 4:00 - April 3, 10, 17, 24
Register will be available in March.

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 6:00pm
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 <i>(NO Girl Scout #1581 meetings in February due to cookie sales)</i>
Girl Scouts #385	Thursdays at 6:00pm
GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE ON SALE STARTING JAN. 4TH	
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am - Noon

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Linda Jensen
Ushers	John & Marion Barwick
Acolytes	<i>if interested please see Rev. Connie</i>

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS JANUARY 31, 2016

By Our Gifts

2015 Budget income needed/week	\$2,977.33
2015 Budget income received last week	\$
2015 Budget income this week (under)	\$
2015 Budget income year to date (under)	\$

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Bible Study with Rev. Tom Gibson	Postponed until April
Ash Wednesday Service	February 10 th at 6:00pm
Valentine’s Day	February 14 th
Presidents Day	February 15 th

AGAPE PRESCHOOL FUN



GROUP HUG!

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)
- 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)
- John Boswell (2/17)
- Merrill Ford (2/17)
- Marion Barwick (2/18)
- Keelan Milligan (2/18)
- Jaclyn Wakefield (2/18)
- Lluana Simpson (2/18)
- Ken Wiggins (2/28)

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. -Maya Angelou

YOUTH NEWS:



Warmth in Winter will be held the weekend this newsletter is sent out so please look for pictures and updates from our weekend in the March issue of the Circuit Writer.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed at our pancake breakfast to make this trip possible and help fund future activities. Frances



BEAR HUG – THANK YOU MS. CAROL HANEY FOR OUR NEW FRIEND



PLEASE BE SURE TO SEE GRACE JOHNSON, STEPHANIE HULL OR VICTORIA WILLIAMSON FOR YOUR GIRL SCOUT COOKIE ORDER!

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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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God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. That's why we never give up. We don't do shameful things that must be kept secret. And we don't try to fool anyone or twist God's message around. God is our witness that we speak only the truth, so others will be sure that we can be trusted. *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (CEV)*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	2	3 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 5:00p-AGAPE Board Meeting 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00p-Girl Scouts #385	5 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	6 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
7 Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	8 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	9	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #385	12 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	13 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
14  Happy Valentines Day Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	15 Presidents Day  9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	16 6:30p-Civitans	17 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	18 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #385	19 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	20 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
21 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 2:30p-SPRC Meeting in Algood	22 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal	23 6:00p- Standing Stone	24 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	25 9:30a-AGAPE Chapel 6:00p-Girl Scouts #385	26 9:00a-Cottage Ministry 6:00p-Cub Scouts #15	27 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
28 Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service	29 9:15a-Staff Meeting 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale Rehearsal					

NOTES:



See Grace Johnson,
Stephanie Hull or Dr.
Vikki for more
information