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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.** And remember, that I am with you always, to the end of the earth.’” (*Matthew 28:18-20 NRSV*)

Jesus’ “Great Commission” was about making disciples (students) of his teaching and way of life, incorporating folks into the fellowship of the church and initiating them into the fullness of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Throughout history doing this has taken on many forms such as preaching of the gospel, gatherings for teaching and learning, groups of individuals joined with one another in Christ for mutual support and encouragement.

In America this often took the form of Sunday School in our congregations. Sunday School has had a vital place in the life and structure of the American Church from early days in our nation. Today, the future vitality of the church rests in some manner on the health and vitality of the contemporary teaching ministries of the church and the Sunday School.

In the near future, Monterey United Methodist Church will be having a Sunday School rally which will launch a new adventure in revitalizing our Sunday School program. As this time nears it will be announced and promoted. Pray for this renewal of Sunday School.

The church is always one generation away from extinction. If this generation does not reach the next generation, the church will cease to exist. Here at Monterey we must find ways to reach out to and include families with children for their blessing and our keeping of faith with the “Great Commission” of Jesus. We will be praying about and seeking to provide teachers, space and opportunities for children and youth. We will also seek to discover if there is a need for a class for parents of children still at home and whether this is God’s will. I believe there are more families with children available to Monterey UMC than we think we know about. With prayer, pondering and planning I believe God will reveal as much to us. It will take all of us, young and older, for this to happen. I believe we all know some child, who would benefit from Sunday School, and we may even pass by their home on our way to church. Maybe God could help us know this and help us to find a way to mentor these children and maybe even give them a ride to church.

Anyway, the future belongs to God and to us. Our rich heritage gives us great resource to enter into this future. Keep the Sunday School in your prayers as I will mine. Watch for upcoming notices and information. Something great is on the way ... and I can hardly wait.

In Christ’s Love,

Jerry Mayo

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING

Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Youth Group	Sundays at 5:30pm
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:00pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays at 10:00am
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am – Noon
<i>(Cottage will be closed on Saturday, September 3rd)</i>	

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AUGUST 28, 2016

By Our Gifts

2016 Budget income needed/week	\$2,274.00
2016 Budget income received last week	\$2,495.36
2016 Budget income this week over	\$221.36
2016 Budget income year to date under	(\$14,882.49)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED	Monday, September 5 th
Trustees Meeting	Tuesday, September 6 th at 4:30pm
AGAPE Board	Tuesday, September 6 th at 5:00pm
ABBA’s Coffee House Prayer Mtg.	September 7th at Noon
Finance Committee	Monday, September 12 th at 5:00pm

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist	Deborah Wolfe
Ushers	Jeanne Bevan & Linda Jensen
Acolytes	Megan Moore & Christopher Willix

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Clayton Pepper, contributions were made to the AGAPE Preschool:

Al & Jeanne Bevan
Ed & Louise Vail

In loving memory of Helen Lowe, contributions were made to the AGAPE Preschool:

Lynn & Mike Connor

In loving memory of Doyle Crosley, contributions were made to the AGAPE Preschool:

The AGAPE Preschool Staff

THANK YOU-Penny Pepper sends her gratitude to all who have shown their love and kindness in the last few months. Your donations of your time spent with her and the donations to AGAPE in memory of Clayton mean so much to her.

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!)*

- Deborah Wolfe (9/6)
- 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)
- Theresa Godsey (9/21)
- Charles "Pokey" Looper (9/25)

MONTEREY'S SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Larry & Edna Drysdale (9/21)

AGAPE PRESCHOOL



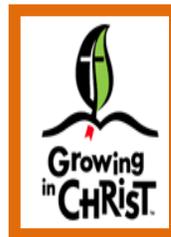
AGAPE Students visit Monterey's Public Library

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

You are now able to register your Kroger card online at krogercommunityrewards.com to receive rewards for Monterey United Methodist Church. Each purchase you make after registration gives rewards back to our church... all you need to do is just make your purchases at Kroger as always and you'll be making donations back to your church. It's as easy as that! If you need help registering your card, please call Janet at the church office for assistance.

NOTE FOR THOUGHT

If you don't think every day is a GOOD DAY, just try missing one...



YOUTH NEWS

August has flown and it has been a busy month. School is back in session so now begins the studying, football games, volleyball matches, and golf tournaments.

At MUMC we have a new face. Justin Mayo, a junior at TTU, is our youth intern leading us in the SEEDS program. He has wonderful ideas, lots of energy, and a heart for God.

In September we will be having some youth outings and plan to get our Wednesday afternoon tutoring program established. We have several who have expressed an interest in helping and will need more.

Our youth schedule is: Mercy and Manna at 10:00 on Sunday and youth group at 5:30 and Sunday.

See you there, Frances

SPECIAL INVITATION: Beginning Sept. 7, 2016 at 12 noon Abba's Coffee House located at 708 S. Holly St. will hold prayer meetings open to everyone. Prayers of praise and concern for our nation and all will be lifted up to God our Abba every Wednesday. Spread the word and come as you are. For more information please call Wanda Balsley (931-261-8676)

THANK YOU: Your generous acts of kindness have allowed our church to donate Health Kits and Cleaning Buckets for the Louisiana Relief efforts. We also collected \$535.00 through donations from the church to send them through UMCOR.

WHITE CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

This is the bread pudding recipe *(for all those who were asking)*, that was prepared by Meretha Durham at our last Fellowship luncheon. The recipe is from Carol Sue Robinson from Mt. Pleasant UMC, Vancleave, MS.

Ingredients:

- 16 slices of bread broken into pieces (I use French bread and put into a large Pyrex dish sprayed with Pam
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 quart milk
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 tbsp. vanilla

Mix and pour over bread and sprinkle with cinnamon (optional add in items: Pecan, raisin, apple, slivered almonds). Mix these ingredients with the bread pieces.

Bake one hour at 350°

Melt one stick of butter or margarine and ½ bag of white chocolate chips in a microwave about 2 minutes. Add 1 cup of powdered sugar, ½ tsp. vanilla and 6 tsp of water. Heat another 2 minutes or until smooth and creamy. Pour over hot bread pudding.

Serve warm

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

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer. Proverbs 9:10-12 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: ABBA's Coffee House will now be opened on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for PRAYERS & PRAISES. Please help support ABBA's Coffee House at 706 S. Holly Street, Monterey, TN. Phone: (931) 487-4631. For more information please see their website at www.abbacoffeehouse.com				1	2	3
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