



Monterey United Methodist Church

April 2025 Newsletter

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"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." On the month of March, we started our Lent season and on this month of April we will be celebrating Easter the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Now if you look back to where we began this journey, how do you feel now? Where has the Spirit lead you?

For me the Lord led me to the Scripture in Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Love, good works, and mutual encouragement is what we need that we may not stop at the end of Lent, but continue, knowing that He is alive and will come again soon.

Blessings, Pastor: *Fabian Valdiverra*



A Note from Frances

Spring is announcing its presence with a very loud voice. The winds and storms seem to be saying, "Hello! I am here!" It is the birth of a new season. New life is being seen everywhere. As spring commences, it is fitting to observe Easter, which symbolizes the triumph of life over death. In the resurrection we find the living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and redeemer.

Welcome Spring! Celebrate Easter!

We are in the process of renewing the Outreach committee. Hopefully this will help us to work together to renew existing ministries and create new areas of service. Are you ready? We will need your help. *Frances*



The Cottage Please join us on April 26th at 10:00 am to clean out the cottage so that the repairs can begin. We need donations of boxes or containers, if you have any please bring them.



Spring is here! Friday April 4th and Monday April 7th Melinda and Keith Miller will be cooking food for Lunch Bunch. Monday April 14th we will celebrate Easter with all the trimmings! No Lunch Bunch Good Friday April 18th and Monday April 21st.

Kathy

"God calls us to care for one another, and we'd love to serve you."



The Care Ministry team needs your help with letting them know when there is a need for assistance. Please contact Gay Teeple 931.584.0134 or Louise Vail 931.584.0134. *Gay & Louise*



If anyone would like to be a greeter in 2025, please contact Beth Carter at 717-587-2881.

Beth

Monthly Financial Report

Financial Report for March 2025

Monthly Budget Needs: \$ 9756.60

Monthly Giving Received: \$ 7826.79

Budget Giving Received: (\$ 1929.81) under

To make sure that events or ministry information are not left out of the newsletter, please email information and details to the office by April 28th to

church@montereyumc.com. *Debbie*



On Monday April 14th at 6:00 pm there will be an Administrative Council meeting in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend.



Everyone is invited to join us on Friday April 18th at 6:00 pm for our Good Friday service.



Join us Sunday April 20th at 6:00 am at the Cross in the lot beside our overflow parking for Easter Sunrise service.

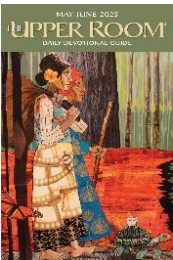


A time for praying, fellowship and bible study, followed by a time for breakfast at a local restaurant.

Bible Study will be in the Small Groups classroom. Saturday April 26th at 8:00 am.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

So let a man think of us as Christ's servants and stewards of God's mysteries. Here, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.



The May/June 2025 issue will be available April 27th. They will be on the table in the hallway.



April	1	Vicki Henley
April	13	Glenda York
April	15	Margaret Morales
April	24	Hazel Walker
April	26	Patsy King
April	27	Saundra Gilmore

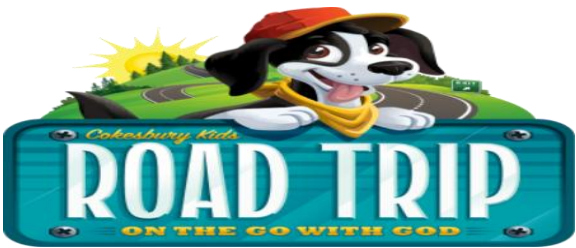


April	4	Richard & Suzy Jackson
April	11	Phillip & Sharon Choate
April	28	Marlon & Jill Jones Lazuka



The April Garden Club meeting will be held at the One Bank Loan Operation building. This building is located at 110 W. Commercial

& you can enter at the front or the back of the building. Both doors will be unlocked at 10am. The meeting will be upstairs & there will be signs with directions to the meeting room. There is an elevator located at the entrance area facing Commercial. Parking is available behind the building, on the street and on the corner of Poplar & Commercial.



Partner with us for Road Trip VBS!

Are you ready to help children discover God's presence everywhere? We are going to embark on an exciting journey with *Road Trip VBS* that is based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. The dates for our VBS are Monday, June 9th, 2025, through Friday, June 13th, 2025, from 5:00 pm-8:30 pm.

We will be serving a tasty dinner (supper) at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall before our Road Trip begins at 6:00 pm.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Travelers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Mile Marker to equip your Travelers for an active life with God. Your Travelers will also discover our Green Light Verse (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, and playing games at the Recreation Station.

Volunteers Needed for our VBS Road Trip!

We are also seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various aspects of VBS, such as: Station Leaders for Assembly, Bible Storyteller, Science, Crafts, Music, Preschool/Kindergarten, Younger Elementary, Older Elementary, Teens, and Recreation. We also need a Decorating Leader to help transform our church for Vacation Bible School! Let's make this year's VBS a bright and exciting experience for our children!

Volunteers Needed for VBS Dinner!

We are excited to serve our children and families during Vacation Bible School, and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to assist with preparing, serving, and cleaning up after meals during VBS. Whether you can help for one night or all week, your time and effort will be a blessing!

We are excited to begin preparations for this year's **Vacation Bible School**, and we need your help! If you're interested in being part of the planning process or volunteering during the event, we invite you to attend our **VBS Planning Meeting** on Monday April 14th at 2:00 pm here at the church.

If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at <https://monterey-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or contact Debbie at 931-839-2597.