



CROSSLINES

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2009

Ice Cream Social and Talent Show



Everyone is invited to our Annual Talent Show and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 16th.

The show begins at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary and there is still room for sign-ups. If you have a hidden talent to share be it playing an instrument, singing

or even reading poetry, call LaVersa Barto at 646-6238 to sign up. We also invite everyone to show their special talents with art, hobbies or craft items.

Following the Talent Show, an

old-fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held in Verde Hall. Several of the United Methodist Men (or their wives) will be dishing out bowls of Homemade Ice Cream using their secret recipes. We could use 2 or 3 more volunteers to make ice cream (another hidden talent). If you would like to bring your frozen delight to share, call either David Treadwell at 634-1447 or Larry Keim at 646-5330.



Sunday Evening
First Sunday of Each Month

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP	Time:
➤ Contemporary Music	6:00 pm
➤ Gospel Music	Date:
➤ Scripture & Message	August
➤ Prayers for Healing and Wholeness	2nd

Join Us for Family Camp!!

Family Camp stands in a special place in the ministries of the church. It provides the opportunity for Christian experiences in a setting that places it apart from the everyday world, bringing campers in touch with their natural environment. God's role in our lives is made real and enriches our relationship with others. The opportunities for living, hiking and outdoor lore allow the campers to experience the Lord's beauty and power as in no other area of their lives.

Family Camp will run from Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th. This year's theme is "Standing in the Need of Prayer" and promises to be a very meaningful weekend. There are retreat centers with bunk beds, bathrooms and hot showers, or places to park your RV or even pitch a tent. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please contact Norela Harrington at 634-3366, Carol Quasula at 634-8058, or Patty in the church office at 634-8857.

Worship With Us

Sunday Worship

Praise 9:00 am

Traditional 11:00 am

Bible Study Classes

Sundays at 10:00 am

Tuesdays at 6:30 am

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin Announcements:

Tuesday Noon

Monthly Newsletter:

15th of the preceding month (holidays and vacations may advance or delay these deadlines a day or two. Please submit information to patty@mntviewmc.com

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Pastor's Notes

Pastors book recommendation for August. Enjoy!
Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time

Three Cups of Tea is a New York Times bestselling book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin published by Penguin in 2006. The book describes Mortenson's transition from a mountain-climber to a humanitarian committed to reducing poverty and educating girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He did this by co-founding the "Central Asia Institute," which has built over 78 schools in the most remote areas of the

The book's title comes from a Balti proverb:

- The first time you share tea with a Balti, you are a stranger. The second time you take tea, you are an honored guest. The third time you share a cup of tea, you become family.....

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Upcoming Event!

From the United Methodist Men
planning now for . . .

**Diamondbacks
Vs
Dodgers
Baseball Game**

Monday, September 7th

Ride on a "Masters Touch" coach to Chase Field on Monday, September 7th (Labor Day). We are still taking reservations for this day trip. Cost (includes bus and admission) is Upper Deck, \$26.00 per person and Middle Deck, \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to UMM. This is a 12:40 pm game so the bus will leave around 10:00 am. We should be home before 6:00 PM. Hurry, though as the Deadline is August 15th.

For more info, contact Ron Black at 928-232-9915 or David Treadwell at 634-1447.

August Angel's Attic News

"Fellowship with a purpose" is the motto of Angel's Attic. The fellowship aspect is obvious to anyone who takes part in our workshops or who may drop by to request money for something that the church needs but isn't in the budget of the church.

In 2009 money from our 2008 sales has been used to purchase tables, a DVD player and a CD player for the Sunday School. The new enclosed bulletin board in the church narthex was purchased with Angel's Attic funds. The Green Committee at church asked for and received money to replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs and to purchase recycling bins for paper and cardboard. Remodeling of the outside closet was made possible by volunteer labor and money from our group. The new In Faith We Sing hymnals are courtesy of the Angels. Funds are also being provided for a portion of a new projector for the church. And we are splitting cost of a new barbecue grill for church events with the United Methodist Men.



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SUMMARY

In 1993, Greg Mortenson attempted to climb K2, the world's second highest mountain, in the Karakoram range of northern Pakistan, as a way of honoring the memory of his deceased sister Christa. After more than 70 days on the mountain, Greg and three other climbers had their ascent interrupted by the need to complete a 75-hour life-saving rescue of a fifth climber. After getting lost during his descent, he became weak and exhausted, and by chance alone, instead of arriving in Askole, where his porters awaited, he came across Korphe, a small village built on a shelf jutting out from a canyon. He was greeted and taken in by the chief elder of Korphe, Haji Ali.

To repay the remote community for its hospitality, Mortenson promised to build a school for the village. After difficulties in raising capital, Mortenson was introduced to Jean Hoerni, a Silicon Valley pioneer who donated the money that Mortenson needed for his school.

In the last months of Hoerni's life (Hoerni dying from leukemia), he co-founded the Central Asia Institute, endowing the CAI to build schools in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mortenson faced many daunting challenges in his quest to raise funds for the building of more than 55 schools in Taliban territory, including death threats from Islamic mullahs, long periods of separation from his family, and being kidnapped by Taliban sympathizers.

Reflecting on the state of the post-9/11 world, Mortenson argues that extremism in the region can be deterred through collaborative efforts to alleviate poverty and improve access to education, especially for girls. Formerly, schooling focused on the boys, but educated boys tend to move to the cities to find jobs, and seldom return. By contrast, educated girls tend to remain in the community and pass their enhanced knowledge to the next generation. Thus, Mortenson suggests, educating girls has more of a lasting benefit for the community.

A Reminder from the United Methodist Men

Calling all men and their friends and neighbors. The second Saturday of each month is the UMM Breakfast. We start promptly at 7:30 with a devotion from one of the men, a brief business meeting followed by a wonderful breakfast provided by the UMW. Cost is \$6.00, which goes to the UMW, but your first time and all guests are free! Following breakfast is a program usually featuring a local person or organization of interest.

Also, every Tuesday morning, is the Men's Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts. Men that would like to work on becoming a Man of Integrity, may meet at 6:30 AM for Pastor's Men of Integrity Bible Study. Donuts arrive by about 7:30 and at 8:15 we have a brief discussion and take prayer requests (and of course, PRAY!).

Finance Report

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Checking Account Balance	\$ 13,221.53
Reserve I/O Balance	\$ 13,548.08
Restricted Balance	\$ 58,219.44
Preschool Checking Balance	\$ 4,389.26
UM Federal Credit Union	\$ 101.38
Annual General Budget	\$291,062.65
Needed Each Month	\$ 24,255.22
June Income	\$ 24,347.14
June Expenditures	\$ 21,690.60
	\$ 2,656.54
Year to Date Income	\$133,923.08
Year to Date Expenditures	\$140,858.69
Receipts over Disbursements y-t-d	-\$ 6,935.61
Mortgage as of 6/30/09	
June Principal Payment	\$ 2,812.81
June Interest Payment	\$ 1,454.91
Total Mortgage Payment	\$ 4,267.72
Mortgage Loan Balance	\$221,019.77

2009 Desert Southwest Annual Conference Extravagant Hospitality – God’s Abundant Grace

This year at the DSW Conference, Joyce Anderson and Carol Lucas were honored to represent Mountain View UMC as Lay Members to the conference. The conference is a fascinating and inspiring example of Christians reaching out in many ways.

We received information regarding ministries such as supporting the Africa University in Zimbabwe, and the representative spoke of having graduated over 3,000 students to serve in many countries in Africa. We heard from campus ministers from the universities in the Conference. Their youth and enthusiasm was infectious. We also heard about the Forward in your Footsteps ministry that is ending because of lack of success.

We learned about the financial situation of the DSW and there was discussion about merging and restructuring the conferences and reducing by one bishop. We reviewed apportionments and their importance. Due to the de-

crease in churches paying their full apportionments the conference ran in a deficit in 2008. The conference staff has all rolled their salaries back to the 2008 level in order to lower the budget. The 2010 budget has been decreased by .95% of the 2009 budget.

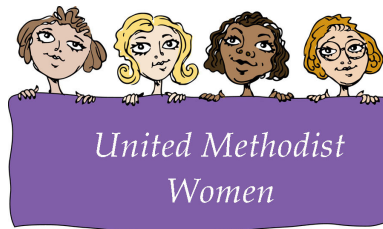
Part of the business is the approving of resolutions. Resolutions encouraging and standing up for Native Americans, gender and race issues and homeless young people were approved. During the three full days of meetings, reports, sermons and worship there were many different points of view expressed. Carol came away with a gratitude for spending time with other Christians and seeing the friendliness and joy that so many had. We were able to meet others and hear what was going on at other churches, both the triumphs and challenges. We also had the honor of taking our church’s gift to the conference up to the Bishop.

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Rummage Sale Coming Next Month!

The dates of our annual Rummage Sale are Friday, September 14th and Saturday, September 15th. This event will be sponsored by the United Methodist Men and Women and as always, promises to be a super sale! Save those good, no-longer needed items! We welcome donations of clothing, kitchen items, appliances, pots & pans, furniture, and other house wares. Items can be brought to the church beginning on Sunday, September 9th. If you are not able to bring large items, call the church office at 634-8857 to make arrangements for a pick up.

Attention Women of the Church



Five of our United Methodist Women attended the 2009 UMW four-day School of Christian Mission Event - "Together at the Table" in July, at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. The studies included: (1) Giving Our Hearts Away - Native American Survival; (2) The Beauty and Courage of Sudan; (3) Food and Faith. The attendees will be giving an overview of the studies in which they were involved, at the September General Meeting.

We will have no regularly scheduled meetings in August but the Board will meet on Tuesday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m. in the Mingus Room.

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Extravagant Hospitality – God’s Abundant Grace**

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Joyce appreciated the preaching and singing during the worship services. Bishop Gregory Palmer spoke about the abundance that God has given us. Dr. M Daniel Carroll R. from Iliff School of Theology in Denver spoke about ministries to the immigrants and the homeless.

One of the things we enjoyed were the purple bracelets, which represent the acomplaintfree-world.org program. The idea is to become aware of the times each of us are complaining, gossiping or criticizing and try to break that habit.

The conference takes place over three and a half days and can seem long and very chilly when the air conditioning works overtime. Backs get tired and heads nod. Each morning the sessions open with prayer and worship and we get revitalized with an appreciation of what faith and Christians working together can do.

We hope the new Lay Members representing our church next year will experience the joy and fellowship that we felt.

Yours in service,
Carol Lucas
Joyce Anderson

Angels Attic August News

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Other uses of our funds are under consideration and will be noted in future articles about the dedicated ladies who take part in the second and fourth Monday workshops in Verde Hall. New members are always welcome to join the group. Others who do not attend our sessions have generously donated items for our November 6, 7 and 8th sale and we greatly appreciate those contributions and heartily thank them for their efforts toward a successful sale. Please contact Stephanie Kreunen at 928-649-2357 or e-mail at Stephanie.kreunen@gmail.com with questions or comments.

UMW News

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On Tuesday, September 8th our General Meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Verde Hall. Circles will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd - locations to be announced later.

Start collecting now items you are no longer using for the annual UMW/UMM Rummage Sale to be held on Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th. Hours for the sale will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm on Friday and 7:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Have a great summer!
Shirley Emshwiller, UMW Publicity Chair

Financial Giving Statements

If you would like your mid-year financial giving statement, please call the church office at 634-8857 and it will be mailed to you.

Wanted

If you have a medical hydraulic chair lift you would be willing to donate, please contact Herb or Iona Browning at 634-4826.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

1st

Dick Fredley
Bill Larson
Leigh Leadbetter
Mitch Schumacher

5th

Sharon Skinner

7th.

Gladys Palmer
Erin Wolstencroft

9th.

Ron Lizotte

10th.

LaVersa Barto

11th.

Gayle Benjamin

12th.

Jeffrey Langford

14th.

Analise Zagar

15th

George Burns
Eileen Lower

16th.

Pat Doan

17th

Ruth Triplett

18th

Frances Morgan
Linda Robins

19th

Larry Small

21st

Melba Manneth
Judy Stattner

22nd

Claire Halderman

23rd.

William Steele

25th

Michael Anderson
Herald Harrington

Julie Scherf

27th

Althea Burns

30th.

Eleanor Norton
Roy Platt

31st

Bill Emshwiller

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

August 3rd

Cecil and Naoma Tyner

August 7th

Bob and Pat Donahge

August 9th

Bud and Lorraine Godbold

August 13th

Dennis and Jan Langford

August 18th

Rod and Lois Starz

August 19th

Bill and Heidi Birdsey