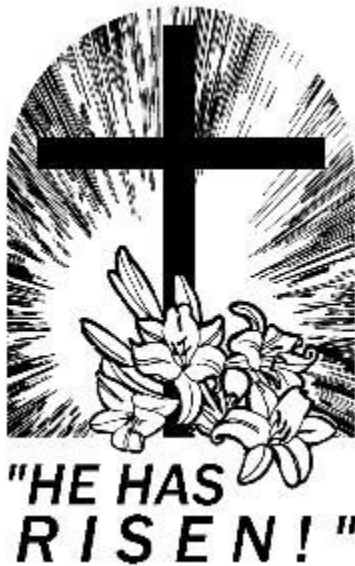


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April 2010



Lenten and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday—April 1st: Seder Service and Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday—April 2nd: Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration Worship

9:00 a.m.— Contemporary Praise and Worship

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Time sponsored by the United Methodist Men

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship Service

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Praise and Prayer Service

(All services include Scripture and Preaching)

Change The World Event

What if... on one weekend all around the world, 11 million United Methodists came together to work in their local communities?

What if... we unite globally to fight a preventable, treatable disease that kills one child every 30 seconds?

Would You Help?

April 24-25, 2010. Build community locally. Fight malaria globally. Change the world.

April 25 is “Change the World Sunday” at Mountain View UMC

Easter Egg Hunt

The UMYF group will be hosting the Sunday School children on Easter morning. They will make Easter bags and provide an Easter Egg Hunt and play games. Youth group will resume on 18th at 4:30 p.m. Call Angie with any questions at (928) 274-1071 or email her at athillman@q.com

WORSHIP *TIMES*

PRAISE - 9:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL - 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

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A Note from Pastor Michael

Here is the second in a series of articles about United Methodist Beliefs and Heritage. I hope that this may answer some of your questions and fill in some of the blanks. Blessings, Pastor Michael.

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Praise

11:00 a.m. Traditional

6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Preschool—6th Grade

Harmony Class (Adult)

Bible Study

Tuesdays (Men's) at 6:30 am

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Pastor:

Rev. Michael Anderson

Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Frank Cartwright

Retired Pastors:

Revs. Ed Womack, Bill Birdsey,
Paul McCleary, David Treadwell,
Jean Dumas

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*Our Pastor is available at other times
by appointment and any time for
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Our Wesleyan Theological Heritage

Distinctive Emphases

Wesley and the early Methodists were particularly concerned about inviting people to experience God's grace and to grow in their knowledge and love of God through disciplined Christian living. They placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

The distinctive shape of our theological heritage can be seen not only in this emphasis on Christian living, but also in Wesley's distinctive understanding of God's saving grace. Although Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in salvation by grace, he combined them in a powerful way to create distinctive emphases for living the full Christian life.

Grace

Grace is central to our understanding of Christian faith and life. Grace can be defined as the love and mercy given to us by God because God wants us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it. We read in the Letter to the Ephesians: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our United Methodist heritage is rooted in a deep and profound understanding of God's grace. This incredible grace flows from God's great love for us. Did you have to memorize John 3:16 in Sunday school when you were a child? There was a good reason. This one verse summarizes the gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." The ability to call to mind God's love and God's gift of Jesus Christ is a rich resource for theology and faith." John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, described God's grace as threefold:

- prevenient grace
- justifying grace
- sanctifying grace

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Prevenient Grace

Wesley understood grace as God's active presence in our lives. This presence is not dependent on human actions or human response. It is a gift—a gift that is always available, but that can be refused.

God's grace stirs up within us a desire to know God and empowers us to respond to God's invitation to be in relationship with God. God's grace enables us to discern differences between good and evil and makes it possible for us to choose good....

God takes the initiative in relating to humanity. We do not have to beg and plead for God's love and grace. God actively seeks us!

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Justifying Grace

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). And in his letter to the Roman Christians, Paul wrote: "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

These verses demonstrate the justifying grace of God. They point to reconciliation, pardon, and restoration. Through the work of God in Christ our sins are forgiven, and our relationship with God is restored.

According to John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, the image of God—which has been distorted by sin—is renewed within us through Christ's death. Again, this dimension of God's grace is a gift. God's grace alone brings us into relationship with God. There are no hoops through which we have to jump in order to

please God and to be loved by God. God has acted in Jesus Christ. We need only to respond in faith.

Excerpt from *What Every Teacher Needs to Know About Theology*, p. 31-32.

Conversion

This process of salvation involves a change in us that we call conversion. Conversion is a turning around, leaving one orientation for another. It may be sudden and dramatic, or gradual and cumulative. But in any case, it's a new beginning. Following Jesus' words to Nicodemus, "You must be born anew" (John 3:7 RSV), we speak of this conversion as rebirth, new life in Christ, or regeneration.

Following Paul and Luther, John Wesley called this process justification.

Justification is what happens when Christians abandon all those vain attempts to justify themselves before God, to be seen as "just" in God's eyes through religious and moral practices. It's a time when God's "justifying grace" is experienced and accepted, a time of pardon and forgiveness, of new peace and joy and love. Indeed, we're justified by God's grace through faith.

Justification is also a time of repentance—turning away from behaviors rooted in sin and toward actions that express God's love. In this conversion we can expect to receive assurance of our present salvation through the Holy Spirit "bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). Excerpt from *The United Methodist Member's Handbook*, p. 78-79.

(to be continued next month)

United Methodist Women News

The UMW Board will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mingus Room. The General Meeting will be held in Verde Hall on April 13 at 1:00 p.m. Martha Circle will give the program on Trauma Intervention. Guest speaker will be Sue Rutherford. All women are invited.

UMW Circles will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 as follows: Martha Circle at June Kley's home; Priscilla Circle in the Mingus Room; and Sarah Circle at Donna Falkner's home. Ruth Circle will meet

at 10:30 a.m. for brunch at Cottonwood Ranch Park.

On Sunday, April 18, the women will be selling homemade soups after both services. Soups will be clam chowder, split pea and vegetable beef at the cost of \$3.00 per pint and \$6.00 per quart.

May 16 will be our UMW Sunday. The "Lost Boys of Sudan" will be the recipient of our donations and we are asking the congregation to help in this project. The history of these "Lost Boys" will be reported in the May Crosslines. The women will serve

a reception between services on that Sunday.

Plans for the Saturday, June 12 "Special Event" are being made. Rev. & Mrs. McCleary will be our speakers, telling of their Missionary work in Bolivia. The event will begin with registration at 10:30 a.m., program at 11:00 a.m., and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. All women are invited; be sure to mark your calendars for this Special Event.

Shirley Emshwiller,
Publicity Chairman

Prayers for Our Churches

The Conference Laity Team and District Superintendents are requesting that your church commit to praying for other churches in your district. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayer concerns. Please pray for the pastors, congregation and the community. For April please pray for: Pioneer UMC, Phoenix; Dove of the Desert, Glendale; Glendale First UMC, Glendale

News from the United Methodist Men

Watch for information about the Charter Bus trip to see the Arizona Diamondbacks play the Colorado Rockies on June 5th. These bus trips have become an annual event, are a lot fun and great way to have your friends and neighbors join you in Christian fellowship. UMM Vice-President Ron Black will coordinate this event again this year.

So far, there has been a lack of interest in hosting the 1-800 Prayer Line for a 24 hour period. You are probably thinking, "why should I care about other people's concerns?" Jesus did tell us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We still need about 10 more couples to man a 2-hour period monitoring the phones. If this is you and you want more info, give David Treadwell a call at 634-2827.

The men are collecting small tools for the yard sale. These are the only items we are collecting in advance this year. Call Ron Black, 639-4602, to arrange for pick up.

Recently, the Men's Group removed all of the old musty furniture from the Youth Room. The Youth Group sent the UMM a thank you card. One of them wrote on it "Thanx! The room doesn't stink anymore!"

David Treadwell
2010 UMM President

The Academy for Spiritual Growth

Thanks!

Pat Hillman, chair for Evangelism, extends special thanks to the small group leaders and to those who hosted the meetings! The opportunity to meet together for discussion and prayer proved to be a meaningful experience for all. The discussions explored such topics as: grace, prayer, gratitude, good works, conversion and the sacraments. Additional opportunities for small group meetings will be offered again.

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4. Follow the instructions to register your Safeway grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards.

If you do not have internet, please call the church office and we will sign up for you.



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COMING IN
MAY THE
OPPORTUNITY
FAIR

The Desert Southwest Conference is holding a contest to showcase the many talented Methodists within the Conference. All kinds of entertainers-singers, dancers, comedians, jugglers, musicians, acrobats and more are encouraged to audition to win a \$250.00 prize and a chance to perform at the "Celebration of Service" Banquet during the 2010 Session of Annual Conference on Friday, June 25 at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale, AZ.

Auditions can be submitted as a DVD until April 30 to: "United Methodists Got Talent," c/o The United Methodist Center, 1550 E. Meadowbrook, Phoenix, AZ, 85014-4040 or as a URL to communications@desertsouthwestconference.org. Contestants will then be judged by a panel of DSC leadership. All submissions will become the property of the Desert Southwest Conference and may be posted online or in other public forums. For questions, please contact Janet Keffer at 623-977-0701, janet@desertsw.org or the communications department at the UM Center, 602-266-6956.

To Pastor Michael and all who were a part of the memorial for my beloved wife, Mary,

The Holy Spirit was very much there.

Special thanks to the ladies for the food that followed the service.

In Christ's Name,

Laurence "Larry" Keim and Family

CARING FOR CREATION

Thanks to our church family, staff, and trustees, Mountain View UMC now has 16 consecutive months of reduced electrical usage over months of previous year. Congratulations! This reduction started by us simply becoming aware of the monthly usage and graph information that came with the monthly APS bills.

Many of our church members are undoubtedly following the same practice. If not, this is a good time to start by studying the Annual Account Summary which APS was mailing to all electricity recipients the last of March.

(submitted by the Green Team)

TOOL COLLECTION

Do you have old or tools not being used at home and want to donate them to a worthy cause? The Methodist Men are beginning to collect tools only now in preparation for their Annual Fall Garage and Parking Lot Rummage Sale. Any tools power or hand tools that are in working order can be donated by simply calling Ron Black (928) 232-9915, Bill McCully (928) 639-2115 or Jim Kreunen (928) 649-2357 to ask for a pick up. Please no broken tools.

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WELLNESS NOTES

"It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for God gives sleep to his beloved." Psalm 127:2

The Psalmist in this text talks about keeping a regular routine for sleep and trying to keep stress to minimum, but how difficult this is in these trying days! **April** is a good time to look at the 'gift of sleep GOD has given us' and assess how we are caring for this wellness gift!! Nearly 40% of adults report trouble with insomnia, and growing numbers of teens and younger children are sleep deprived as well National Sleep Foundation, www.sleepfoundation.org gives excellent ideas for assuring adequate rest. Adults need 7+ hrs./night and children & teens need 8-10 hrs. Lack of sleep can affect an entire household and impact study, work, effective activities and driving. The following ideas may help you get a better night's sleep and assure a healthier rested body:

Keep an evening routine the hour before bedtime: pleasant reading, no active TV or Computer games, shower or warm bath, snack of 'good' carbs, brush teeth, fresh linens on your bed, prayer or meditation, deep breathe.

Exercise earlier in the day

Decrease caffeine after noon and alcohol after dinner

Make evening snack low fat and high in calcium (milk & apple w/ peanut butter, graham crackers & milk, yogurt, whole grain bread & cheese). www.WebMD recommends foods with Tryptophan to promote rest.

(dairy, poultry, oats, bananas, & honey)

If you have Sleep Apnea, make Dr. appt. for a sleep study and follow treatment guidelines

If you have Gastric Esophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), make p.m. meal a light one, decrease spices, use extra pillows to elevate head when sleeping.

If you are waking frequently for bathroom trips, decrease fluids after 8p.m. & check with your Dr.

Foot Massage, body powder or lotions with lavender scent, or soft music all may help sleep.

Take Calcium supplements at bedtime, as the calcium has a quieting effect.

"Empty" the trials and concerns of the day each evening onto the Lord's shoulders through prayer.

Make being rested an important wellness ingredient in your day, taking a daytime rest if needed to improve alertness.

BE RESTED----BE WELL

Alice Stephenson BSN,RN,CDE,PN
Parish/Faith Community Nurse

ANGELS' ATTIC NEWS

Angels' Attic will meet Monday, April 12th and Monday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Verde Hall. We can use any variety of skills and skill levels to craft our items for the Fall Sale. Lunch and snacks are provided.

We can always use fresh ideas and new folks so please come for all or part of the time we meet to enjoy the crafting and fellowship. If you have questions please call Stephanie Kreunen at 928-649-2357 or e-mail at Stephanie.Kreunen@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Diamond Back Baseball



Tickets will go on sale for the D Back baseball game on Sunday, April 12. No tickets will be sold on April 5 due to Easter. April sales will be for Mountain View church members and their guests. Non church members can purchase remaining seats in May.

The 5 PM game is on Saturday, June 5 with the Colorado Rockies. Tickets are \$28 & \$35 which includes transportation in a very modern tour bus from our church parking lot to the ballpark.

Reserve your ticket or tickets early. We have sold all seats in previous years. Checks are to be made out to the MVUM Men.

February Financial Report

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Checking Account Balance	\$17,745.97
Reserve I/O Balance	\$11,825.00
Restricted Balance	\$58,504.31
Preschool Checking Balance	\$2,236.25
UM Federal Credit Union	\$201.64

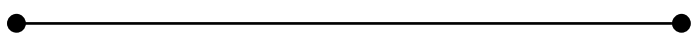
Annual General Budget	\$285,900.00
Needed Each Month	\$23,825.00

February Income	\$19,795.73
February Expenditures*	\$22,176.50
	<u>-\$2,380.77</u>

Year to Date Income	\$40,952.51
Year to Date Expenditures	\$45,949.35
Receipts over Disbursements y-t-d	<u>-\$4,996.84</u>

Mortgage as of 2/28/10	
Monthly Principal Payment	\$3,155.16
Monthly Interest Payment	\$1,112.56
Total Mortgage Payment	\$4,267.72
Worship Center Loan Balance	\$195,790.67

* Full apportionments paid \$3,636.75



We Need Your Pictures!

Anyone who has digital photos of events from December 2009 to present please copy onto a CD and turn into the office or email them to office@mtnviewumc.com. Please put the name of the event and the names of people in the photo if known. Continue to do this throughout the year. Thank You!

UMCOR in Haiti, Two Months Later

* \$14.5 million has been received for Haiti

UMCOR has begun implementation of a five-year work plan that contemplates three phases of assistance to Haiti: emergency, recovery and rehabilitation.

***Following the earthquake in Haiti many Haitians requiring medical care were evacuated to the US. Evacuees and those accompanying them have been granted humanitarian parole for 12 months. UMCOR Refugee Ministries is working with resettlement affiliates in Atlanta, Tampa, Philadelphia, New York and Boston to identify and offer temporary housing for those released from medical facilities.**

(Submitted by Mission Ministry)

Billy Graham answers many of our questions about the work of the Holy Spirit in his book *The Holy Spirit...*

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What does He do?
- Where did He come from?
- What is He doing in the world today?
- What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?
- How does He communicate with us?
- Why did he enter the world?
- What is the baptism of the Spirit?
- What are Spiritual gifts?
- What are the fruits of the Spirit?

Please join us at 6:30 on Tuesday evening April 6 in Verde Hall at which time we will begin a study of this book. Questions call Jim Kreunen 649-2357 or email him at james.kreunen@gmail.com.

GALATIC BLAST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One of the church growth ideas from our Lay Witness event last year was to have a vacation bible school at Mt. View United Methodist. Plans are underway to accomplish this goal.

June 14-18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm will see the church school and fellowship areas transformed into a cosmic adventure praising God. Children will experience God through Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks and recreation.

We will need volunteers to help launch our VBS into orbit. Please consider joining in the adventure to reach children in a fun and exciting way for our Lord. Contact the church office or Stephanie Kreunen at 928-649-2357, stephanie.kreunen@gmail.com if you can participate in our VBS.

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