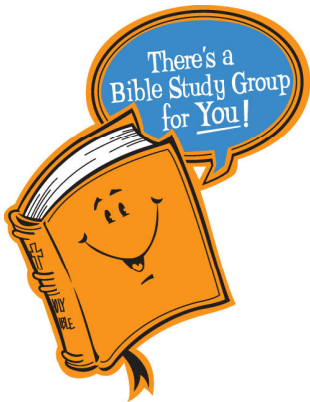


CROSSLINES



September 2010

BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



2:00 pm A study on Building a Gifts Based Church by Dan R. Dick and Barbara Miller will meet every Tuesday in the Sunday School Room and will be led by Ray Julian.

6:30 pm A study of Angels based on Billy Graham's book will meet every Tuesday in the Mingus Room and will be led by Jim Kreunen. Cost of the book for this study will be about \$5.00. For more info contact Jim Kreunen at 649-2357 or call the church office.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Chancel Choir will begin practicing each Wednesday, beginning September 8. Our first practice on 9/8 will be from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Thereafter, practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. If you love to sing, or someone has said, "You should sing in the choir", please join us in September. To sign up or for more information, please call Gayle Benjamin at 639-2963.



Labor Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

WORSHIP TIMES

PRAISE - 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL - 11:00 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP - 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun./month

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A Note from Pastor Michael

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Praise

11:00 a.m. Traditional

6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship
1st Sunday/month

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

Church Secretary:

Leah Alderson

Finance Treasurer:

Carol Hagberg

Praise Band Leader:

David Flores

Choir Director:

Gayle Benjamin

Organist:

Beverly Hall

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Monday-Thursday 8am-noon

*Our Pastor is available at other times
by appointment and any time for
emergencies.*

WESLEYAN GENERAL RULES

John Wesley believed that the law (the Ten Commandments) and the gospel are two sides of the same coin. When behaviors are commanded, they are law; when promised by God, they are gospel. Thus, the law has three uses: convicting people of sin, bringing them to Christ, and then guiding them in their Christian life. To help people grow in faith, Wesley wrote three general rules. All persons who wish to be saved should show their desire:

1. "by doing no harm, by avoiding evil in every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced"
2. "by doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all" and
3. "by attending upon all the ordinances of God." The ordinances are not the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament but rather the means to receive God's grace. They include prayer, worship, Bible study, and Holy Communion.

I find that people, generally speaking, want or need something in their life transformed. Wesley's "little" rules lend themselves to individual transformation.

If you put these rules into practice in your life, your life will change, transformation will happen. Jesus said, love God, love yourself and love your neighbor. Wesley said, do no harm, do good, and love God. It all sounds so easy, but we say, "There must be more." We too often make following Jesus more difficult than it is. Remember, He already paid the price. Now just follow the rules.

United Methodist Women News

The UMW will be back in full swing again in September with the General Meeting in Verde Hall on Tuesday, September 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch. The program will follow. All women are invited; please bring a dish to share and your own table service.



Annual UMW/UMM Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday, September 24 & 25

7:00 am to 5:00 pm September 24

7:00 am to Noon September 25

The UMW will oversee the sale of smaller items in Verde Hall. Ladies of the church—we do need your help getting ready for the Rummage Sale on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 21, 22 & 23 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm when we will sort, set-up and price items in Verde Hall, as well as during the sale. This is the UMW's main fund raiser to meet our commitments for mission giving. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your clean, usable small items for the sale to the Verde Hall Narthex starting on Sunday, September 19. Direct any questions you may have to Donna Falkner who is the UMW Chairperson for the sale: 634-0399.

The Men's Group will begin sorting and collecting large items for the Rummage Sale on Thursday, September 23 between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm in Verde Hall. If a person has large items that absolutely cannot be brought to the church and must be picked up, please call the church office and leave your information for pick up. Items will be picked up on Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 & 23. Someone will call you and arrange for a pick up time.

Tools are being picked up now in order for the Men to have time to sort and check for working order. Call the church office to arrange for a pick up.

Listed below are items that will not be acceptable for the Rummage Sale:

- *Items not in working order
- *Items with broken parts
- *Used answering machines
- *Large appliances
- *Hide-a-beds
- *Broken furniture
- *Old tires
- *Items used with computers such as printers, computers, keyboard, computer screens
- *Used fax machines
- *Mattresses
- *Pieces of furniture that are not complete
- *Mirrors that are not part of a set
- *Batteries

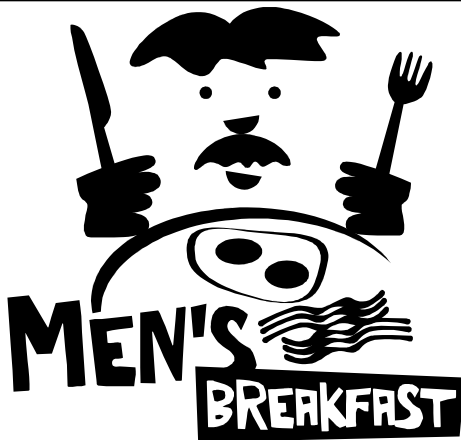
News from the United Methodist Men

Wow, what a great talent show and **Ice Cream Social**. There was actually a little bit of ice cream left over but we believe that was because Bill McCully had to work. Thank you to the 4 lady's that also contributed ice cream, this helped us provide enough for the event. Herold Herrington did his usual bang up job as emcee, a talent in itself. As an added bonus, several of our talented members had their arts and crafts on display in the Narthex of Verde Hall.

There is a new lock on a cabinet in the kitchen in Verde Hall. This cabinet is for the coffee, cream and sugar and ziplock bags, items that seem to have a habit of disappearing from the kitchen throughout the week. Please make sure that the cream and sugar containers are not left on the counter when your function is over. While the combination of the lock is not national secret, it is known to all the church people that have need in the kitchen. Also, keep the pantry closet in the hallway locked when the hall is not being used for church functions. The key for the pantry is now kept in that "locked cabinet," above the stove on the West wall. (shame on me, I forgot to check and make sure it was locked after the Men's fellowship Tuesday the 17th)

The UMM are continuing the 12th **Street Clean-up** 4 times a year. This was started by Bruce Deland many years ago. The street sign is being redone and it will state that it is now being cleaned up in memory of Bruce. Dave Tardiff has agreed to assume responsibility for leading the clean-up crew on the months that have 5 Tuesdays.

Men's Bible Study and **Coffee Fellowship** continue every Tuesday morning, 6:30 and 7:30 respectively.



September Men's Breakfast

The UMM monthly breakfast in September will be held on September 18 to avoid a conflict with Family Camp. All men are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship!

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2010

Reconciled Bank Accounts

Checking Account Balance	\$12,218.03
Reserve I/O Balance	\$13,922.31
Restricted Balance	\$59,970.10
UM Federal Credit Union	\$201.76

Charge Conference has been scheduled for Sunday, December 19. SPRC will meet at 4:00 pm and the conference is at 5:00 p.m.

July Income	\$18,387.64
July Expenditures*	<u>\$24,115.65</u>
	-\$5,728.01
Year to Date Income	<u>\$144,737.81</u>
Year to Date Expenditures	<u>\$155,533.95</u>
Receipts over Disbursements y-t-d	-\$10,796.14

Mortgage as of 7/31/10

Monthly Principal Payment	\$3,277.13
Monthly Interest Payment	\$989.87
Total Mortgage Payment	\$4,267.00
Worship Center Loan Balance	\$179,577.10

* Full apportionments paid \$3,636.75



eScrip Renewal

It's eScrip renewal time! Thank you for your support of Mountain View United Methodist Church through the eScrip program. In order to continue contributing through this program, you must renew your commitment to the Safeway eScrip program before November 1.

To renew is quick and easy. Simply visit www.escrip.com and click on "Yes! Renew".

If you have not already signed up for this program, go to www.escrip.com, click on "1-Sign Up" and enter your Club Card number.

If you do not have a computer, contact the church office and we will assist you.

Can it be **September** already? Time seems to fly so quickly and we all feel some concern about keeping up with it. Taking a moment at this, the beginning of another season, may help us redefine our goals and look more clearly at the tasks set before us.

Jeremiah 18:3 & 4 states: **“--I went down to the potter's house. I saw him working at his wheel. His hands were shaping a pot out of clay. But he saw that something was wrong with it. So he formed it into another pot. He shaped it in a way that seemed best to him.”**

Imagine God's hands shaping YOU. What kind of pot are you? How has God shaped you?

We are asked by our Desert Southwest Annual Conference to ‘make more of ourselves’ by practicing God's Extravagant Hospitality and Abundant Grace, and becoming more aware of the needs and concerns around us. September is usually a time when we shift gears, get back in the swing of our work or volunteer work, restart our church committees, and look toward what we wish to accomplish in the months ahead. How will we ‘reshape our pot’ to do a better job of the jobs we do? Here are some thoughts that may prompt us to set our goals with a new focus:

Am I really **WELCOMING** new folks that I meet? Do I make eye contact, wear my nametag, smile and really see people I do not know well? Am I being a good neighbor and sharing my love of Christ with those with whom I come in contact?

Am I using the **GIFTS** God has given me in a way that makes God happy and that I enjoy? Do I stay with a committee commitment ‘because I have to’ or because I feel called to and enjoy it? Should I be honest and resign from one area in order to serve and give in an area that better serves ‘the way I am shaped’. Do I need to become ‘another newer pot’?

Am I taking the time needed to take care of my **WELLNESS**? Do I need to make my annual appointments with my physicians, dentist, eye doctor, and Minister? (Yes, I said Minister--do you take time to counsel with your Minister and update your spiritual journey periodically?) Make a list of the questions you have for each of these professionals that care for our wellness.

Am I looking closely at current events and forming my own opinions about how my fellow travelers on this earth are being treated? Am I **strengthening my mind** by reading and listening to information that Jesus would approve of my viewing? Do I need to make some changes in how I form my opinions and glean my information?

Am I living in awareness of **ABUNDANT GRACE**? Am I praying daily and reading God's Word? Do I pray with gratitude for what I have been given and for the journey I have been set upon? Am I sharing my abundance with others with generosity and joy? Am I being a cheerful giver as well as a cheerful receiver?

HE IS THE POTTER----I AM THE CLAY---MOLD ME AND MAKE ME---BEGINNING TODAY

Alice Stephenson BSN,RN,CDE,PN

Parish Nurse Consultant

I wish to express my deep appreciation for all your prayers and caring during my recovery from my broken hip. Especially my spirit and my heart were touched by the beautiful gift of the prayer quilt on June 27th, 2010. This was made by Naomi Thede.

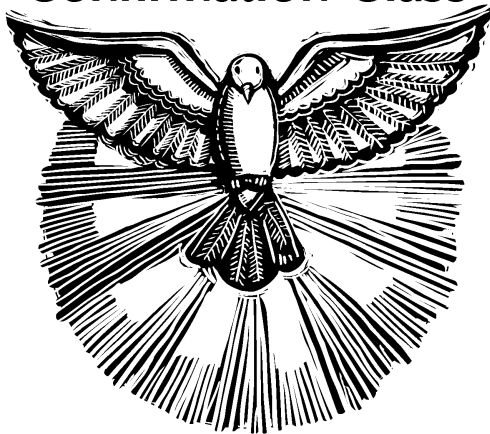
Thank you and God bless you all.

Love,

Heidi Birdsey



Confirmation Class



Confirmation class for grades 6-9 begins on September 19, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., prior to Youth Group. Please call the church office at 634-8857 to register.

Class will meet at 3:30 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month through January 2011.

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 September please pray for:
Greater Parish of Sun City and
Youngtown:

First UMC, Sun City
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Lakeview UMC

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Publication Deadlines

Weekly Announcements:

Tuesday at Noon

Monthly Newsletter: 15th of the

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